



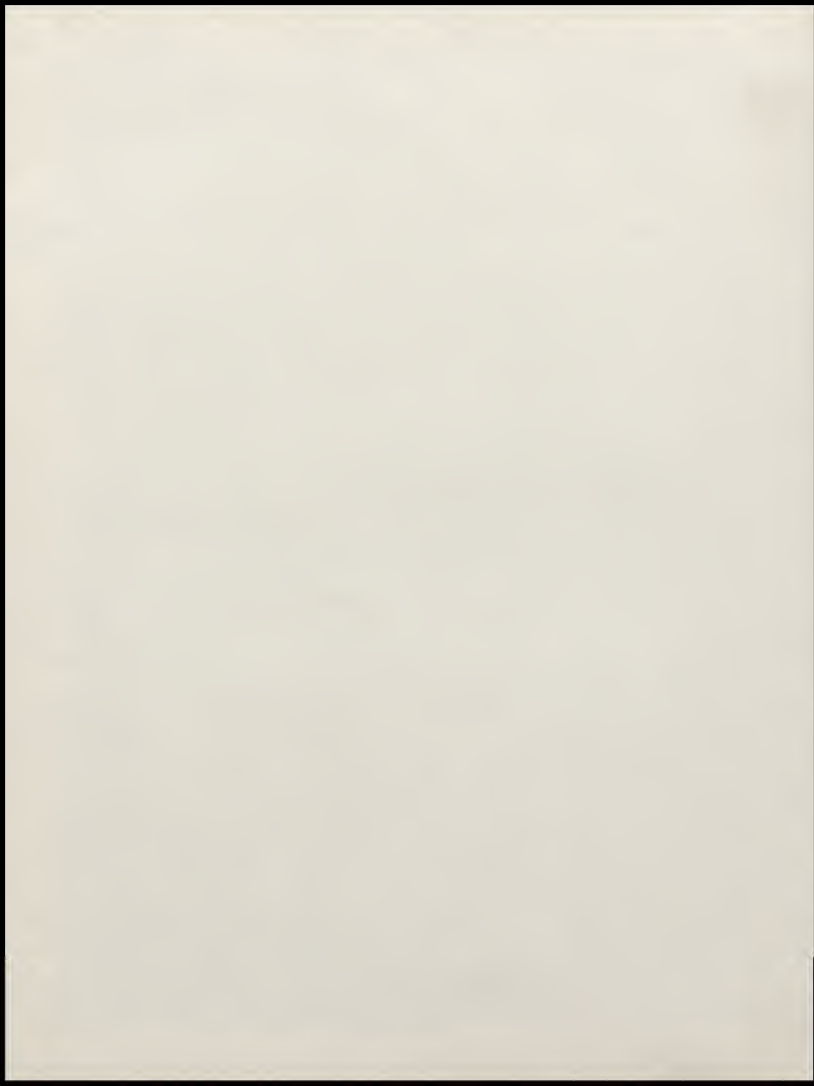
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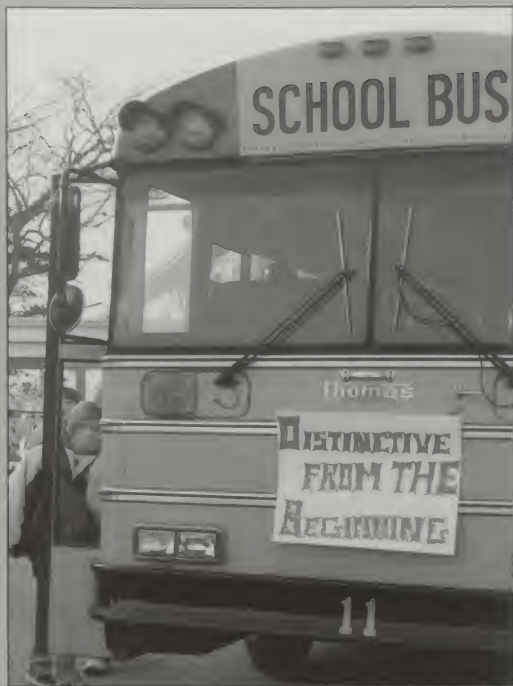
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Students board busses after another Distinctively Different day at school. Seventh hour announcements often included "bus number 5, ride bus number 7, etc."

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1999 Ingot

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Junior Angelique Wilson and senior David Fontanez "clown around" as Mrs. Tanna Taylor, school library clerk, assists in locating humor books. Humor books are part of approximately 20,000 titles available in the school library.



Read Any *Captivating* Books Lately?

Throughout the year, it was *hats off* to the River Forest Library for providing a variety of reading opportunities for visitors and students. When required to put on their *thinking caps* for classroom research, students rushed to the facility to obtain electronic and printed material.

Students also enjoyed free time in the Donald W. Tippet Library, where they used the Internet, read books, enjoyed story time with friends, or reviewed information for assignments. At the end of the day, students *tipped their hats* to the personnel for their dedication in assisting them.



"Moseying around" on the Internet, David Fontanez downloads information about the American West. David is using one of 18 library computers.

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Lisa Wallace, seventh grader, buzzes the Lake County Library to reserve information

"Capturing an audience," junior Mike Lopez reads a tale by Edgar Allan Poe. Horror stories are popular reading for RF students.



Attempting to "crash through the system," Steven Alexander, junior, is stopped by Mrs. Carol Needham, library clerk. The RF library is guarded by a 3-M security system.



Snuggling up with a good book, senior Lisa Russi finds a cozy corner in which to read a bedtime story. Titles in the library include fiction, nonfiction and reference books.



"Photocopy cat" Jennifer Massey, sophomore, copies a page from Dr. Seuss' *A Cat in the Hat*. Mrs. Peggy Hunt, librarian, provides support for Jennifer's photocopying needs.

Junior **Tracie Mezera** assists the academic team by purchasing cookies from junior **Rick Baron** during lunch hour in the lobby. The academic team sold Otis Spunkmeyer Cookies to raise money for the Spell Bowl competition in the fall and for the later competitions.

With assistance from a representative from Valparaiso University, juniors **Melissa Burge** and **Christa Serles** test the atomic absorption of a liquid through the atomic absorption spectrophotometer. This lab was made available through a grant by Eli Lilly and Valparaiso University.





Colorful Images

"Bus five rides bus seven, bus nine will be late." " Mr. Slater's first hour class needs to bring study materials to class." Morning and afternoon announcements made each day at RF *Distinctively Different*.

Students returned in the fall to a new administration. Mr. Monte Moffett was promoted to principal; Mr. Pete Huse was hired as athletic director; and Mrs. Deb Kadish became the assistant principal in January.

With the new administration came new rules. On August 22, students met in the round to discuss the new rules and policies listed in the handbook. Policies were discussed that awarded students, as well as ones that punished students. New policies stated that perfect attendance could earn a student no final in the course. Excused absence days were increased to nine. No days were waived if a student exceeded the limit.

Mr. Rod Thompson demonstrates a handcuff procedure and arrest using eighth grader Rebecca Blackwell, a student in his fifth hour social studies class. Mr. Thompson dressed as a law enforcement officer for Football Spirit Week.

*A Distinctive
Fall*

57 polled

Q Do you believe you made the best of your senior year?
Yes 47% No 30%

Q Do you plan to take time off before furthering your education?
Yes 35% No 65%

Q Will your parents pay for higher education?
Yes 42% No 42%

Together from Beginning to End

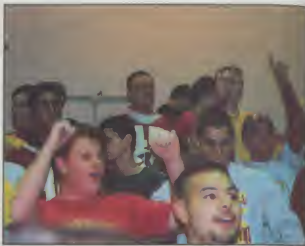
The Senior Class filled their year with pride. In the fall, seniors returned to school with a newfound sense of responsibility as the leaders of the school.

The class was sponsored by Mrs. Pat McNabb and Mr. Jason Quigg. The leaders of the class were President Derek Chirch, Vice President Kristin

Gilliana, Secretary Amanda Harris and Treasurer Crystal Lightfoot.

The class chose *As a Century Ends, Our Future Begins* as their class motto. The class selected the rose as the class flower, *Good Riddance (Time of your Life)* by Green Day as the class song, and midnight blue and silver as the class colors.

After a week of crazy competition and silly dress-up days during Homecoming, seniors join together to support the Ingot team.



Mandy Atterbury
Melissa Bagley
Terri Ballard
Erica Barrow

Misty Borens
Tiffany Bowen
Willie Bowersock
Michelle Brass

Katie Butchko
Natalie Cartagena
Derek Carter
Derek Chirch





Alex Cisneros
Shane Coleman
Maria Concepcion
Matthew Doffin



Michael Domsic
Brian Drwecki
Patricia Gallegos
Eric Gaskins



Kristin Gilliana
Damaris Ginorio
Amanda Harris
Javier Heridia



Amanda Higgins
Jennifer Kindler
Kathy King
Anthony Knies



William Koch
Joe Lewis
Crystal Lightfoot
Elizabeth Lockhart

Angela Lopez
Melissa Luellman
Stephanie Lyle
Rick Mearse



Troy Mezera
Gary Moss
Erica Mullins
Ginny Nord



Mike Persley
Yolanda Puentes
Candice Ramos
Candy Robinson



Most Spirited

Alex Cisneros and Ginny Nord

Most Athletic

Natalie Cartagena and Francisco Hernandez



Best Hair

Maria Concepcion and Derek Carter

Best Eyes

Shane Coleman and Melissa Luellman



Best Personality

Mike Domait and Amber Wullich

Class Whiner

Lisa Russi and Tony Knies

Layout, design and reporting by Mandy Atterbury

Worst Driver

Natalie Cartagena and Brian Drwecki

Best Smile

Mike Persley and Amber Varney

Class Clown

Jered Peters and Natalie Cartagena

Class Flirt

Kristin Gilliana and Kevin Wilson

Best Dressed

Amber Varney and Manuel Martinez

Most Likely to Succeed

Rick Mearse and Amber Wultich



Lisa Russi
Jason Saklak
Annette Sanchez
Lance Schmidt



Kim Skalik
Clayton Torres
Susan VanVleet
Amber Varney



Anthony Wilson
Jim Wilson
Kevin Wilson
Amber Wultich

In a Time of Peace, Honoring Those Who Gave

Time passes, but the true measure of the devotion of those who have served and sacrificed cannot be altered. Students took time out from their regular schedules to remember on November 11, Veterans' Day. At 11:11 a.m., Mr. Monte Moffett, principal, asked students, faculty and guests to observe a moment of silence to

remember all veterans.

Following Mr. Moffett's remarks, Dr. Bob Wright, guidance counselor, read the names of River Forest veterans who died during a war.

Following tradition, *Taps* was then played by senior band member Gary Moss.

Following past practice, Student Council members placed flowers on the

memorial located in front of the school.

Several students showed their gratitude by reading a poem or a speech. Participants included seniors Amber Wulitich and Lisa Russi.

The musical selections included the Choir singing *Freedom Isn't Free*, and the band's contribution of *America* and *The Star Spangled Banner*.

Dr. Bob Wright reads the guest names of veterans from the American Legion Post 454 at the Veteran's Day assembly.



Student Council members obtain flowers purchased to place on the memorial in the front of the school. The placing of flowers has been a somber tradition during Veterans' Day for many years at the school.



Senior Gary Moss plays *Taps* for veterans at the assembly. The playing of *Taps* is another of the many traditions followed during the annual observance to honor those who have served their country.



Amber Wultich, senior, gives a speech, "To our men and women in uniform...past, present and future...God bless you...and thank you."

As tradition warrants, band members play an inspirational song to honor the veterans at the assembly.



Miss Diane Smith, director, conducts the River Forest High School Choir. The musical group chose an emotional selection for the honor assembly.

Time & Again

- 1 **T**his year the River Forest Band's musical selections include *America* and *The Star Spangled Banner*.
- 2 **S**tudents gather in the gymnasium awaiting the start of the Veterans' Day assembly.
- 3 **T**he students observe a moment of silence for those veterans who lost their lives for the country.
- 4 **T**he Student Council places flowers on the memorial for the veterans who lost their lives in past wars.
- 5 **S**tudents read speeches for the program.
- 6 **T**he choir sings several solemn songs to honor the fallen from past conflicts.

'Yes, It Could Be...It Is!'

Ingots See Spirited Week

Excitement reflected on the faces of RF students during Homecoming Week. Monday kicked off another spirit-filled week at River Forest. Events began with Uniform/Costume Day.

On Tuesday, things were looking tacky but spirited. On Wednesday,

the Sandman visited sleepy Ingots who wore their pajamas to school.

There was no school on Thursday, but students still came back to school to decorate floats, join in the parade and play volleyball. The float competition was won by the freshmen, while the sophomores won the volleyball tournament.

On Friday, the gymnasium was filled with excited red and gold students. During

seventh period, *Harry Carrey* (Mr. **Brian Vance**) and *Steve Stone* (Dr. **Robert Wright**) dropped in along with *Sunny Sosa* (senior **Francisco Hernandez**) and *Mark McGwire* (senior **Kevin Wilson**). After a short interview, Mark and Sammy hit baseballs to Ingots. Later in the festivities, sophomores won the battle cry competition and the total spirit points were announced. Seniors were the overall victors of Homecoming events with 253 points.

Guidance counselor Dr. **Robert Wright**, senior **Francisco Hernandez**, art teacher Mr. **Brian Vance** and senior **Kevin Wilson** participate in the assembly. This year's theme was *Harry Carey and the Honoring Race*.



Senior **Cassandra Pazdur** and junior **Jessica Sutton** wait during lunch on Monday for students to vote for their choice on who had the hottest legs. Students had the chance to vote during lunch by donating money to the cup labeled for each senior player. On Friday the announcement was made during the assembly and senior **Javier Heredia** was named as "Mr. Hot Legs."

Time & Again

1 Strange clothing invades the halls of RF during the week of October 5 to 9 in celebration of spirit.

2 On Monday, students dress for Uniform/Costume Day.

3 Tuesday at RF, students explore just how mismatched one could get for Tacky Day.

4 Wednesday proves a restful "jammie" day for students wearing pajamas and animal slippers.

5 Although students find early dismissal on Thursday, they return for the parade, bonfire and volleyball game.

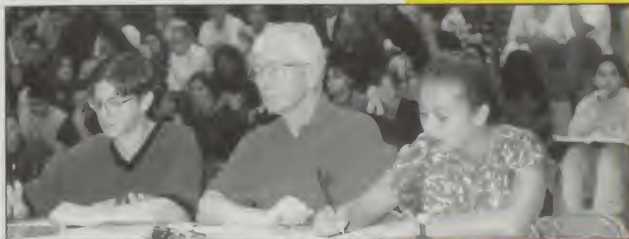
6 Friday's Red and Gold Day finds students filling the bleachers to cheer.



Freshman **Tiffany Ingram** talks to friends during the lunch period on Monday. Tiffany dressed as a dead bride to show her school spirit on Uniform/Costume Day.



Juniors **David Otero** and **Tiffany Szpagara** find a moment to talk during lunch hour in the gymnasium. The juniors display their tacky school spirit on Tuesday.



Mr. **Ron Hughes** watches as sophomores, **Harry Manos** and **Marialena Dominguez** write down their spellings of words during the mock Spell Bowl. The mock Spell Bowl was held during fourth hour on Wednesday. The victors of the event were seniors. Juniors captured second after a tie breaker with sophomores.



Seniors **Amber Varney**, **Natalie Cartagena** and **Amanda Harris** talk during lunch on Monday. Monday was Uniform/Costume Day. The seniors show off their favorite work and sports uniforms. When the announcement was made on Friday, seniors clinched a first in the dress-up day contest.

Let's Go, Ingots Fight! Fight! Fight!

At Homecoming 1998, Ingot spirit was plentiful. On Friday, October 8, the Ingots played the San Pierre Bluejays, amid a sea of red and gold fans.

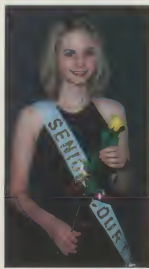
During the halftime show, the band performed the musical selection *Fiesta del Toro*. Afterward, the parents of the senior band members were recognized and **Brian Drwecki** was awarded Mr. Football by his teammates. Then the Homecoming Court was announced. **Kristin Gilliana** was

crowned 1998 Homecoming Queen. In celebration of the movie's twenty-fifth anniversary, the band performed *Hand Jive* from *Grease* to complete the halftime show.

Different from years in the past, the Ingots were victorious against the Bluejays 24-21 on Homecoming night.

Following the game, the Homecoming dance, was held in the Ingot Room. The disc jockey for the dance was *D.J.'s Unlimited*.

Sophomore **Lolita Christopher** salutes during the playing of the National Anthem. Lolita was also involved in varsity basketball and was a member of Auxiliary Corps.



Senior **Amber Wulitich** serves as a court member. She was also involved in Academic Team.



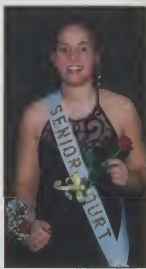
Kristin Gilliana, senior, is chosen 1998 Homecoming Queen. She was actively involved in Auxiliary Corps and was rifle captain.



Senior **Amber Varney** is selected as a member of the Homecoming Court. Amber Varney also participated in varsity tennis.



Senior **Annette Sanchez** participates as a member of the Homecoming Court. She was also active in Auxiliary Corps.



Crystal Lightfoot, senior, is nominated for Homecoming Court. She was also a member of the varsity volleyball team.



Former 1997 Homecoming Queen **Harmony Kingery** crowns surprised **Kristin Gillana**. Kristin participated in Cross Country and Academic Team.

Excited members of the Ingot football team huddle together before the game. The team played the San Pierre Bluejays.



River Forest's Golden Ingot Pride Marching Band plays the national anthem during the pregame show. They also performed songs from the movie *Grease*.



Senior **Francisco Hernandez** (1) tries to gain yardage as he runs with the ball. Francisco was a versatile player who gained success in many positions.

Time & Again

- 1 **C**ourt members rush home after school and dress in formal attire to prepare for the halftime ceremonies.
- 2 **C**ourt candidates cluster in the gymnasium lobby to take formal photos.
- 3 **A**nxious fans gather at the ticket gate in anticipation of the game against North Judson.
- 4 **P**roud parents of senior fall athletes beam as they are honored prior to the game.
- 5 **A**n air of exuberance fills the stadium as **Kristin Gillana** is crowned the 1998 Football Homecoming Queen.
- 6 **M**usic fills the Ingot Room for the annual Homecoming dance.

Retrospective

AN OVERVIEW OF EVENTS AND PERSONALITIES OF THE YEAR

After an extraordinary year of "he said/she said," President Clinton's fate was in the hands of the Senate. The embattled president faced impeachment on charges of perjury and obstruction of justice for his conduct in the Monica Lewinsky sex scandal. Clinton, who admitted to having "an improper relationship" with the former White House intern, became the first president in 130 years to be impeached by the House of Representatives. A final resolution in the matter would come after a Senate trial, where a two-thirds vote is required for impeachment.

Using a number-crunching system few understood, polling in the inaugural NCAA Bowl Championship Series resulted in a Fiesta Bowl match-up between No. 1 Tennessee and No. 2 Florida State. The Volunteers beat the Seminoles, 23-16, for the national championship.

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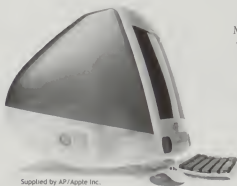
Thirty-six years after becoming the first American to orbit the Earth, John Glenn was rocketed back into space on the shuttle Discovery as the world's oldest astronaut. The mission of the 77-year-old former U.S. Senator was to serve as a test subject for NASA's research on aging.



Chris O'Hearn/AP

The New York Yankees wrapped up one of Major League Baseball's most memorable seasons with a record 125 wins and a World Series sweep of the San Diego Padres. It was the Yankees' second world championship in three years.

Apple's new iMac, with its futuristic design and translucent exterior, made a big splash in the computer industry when it was released in August. Both eye-catching and affordable, the iMac was an instant hit with more than 278,000 units sold during its first six weeks.



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James Finley/AP

St. Louis Cardinals' first baseman Mark McGwire slammed 70 home runs on the season to eclipse Roger Maris' 37-year-old record of 61. McGwire's heroics were mirrored by Sammy Sosa of the Chicago Cubs, who finished the season with 66 homers. The late-season duel between McGwire and Sosa captivated the nation and was credited for revitalizing baseball, which was still suffering from the fallout of the 1995 players' strike.

Michael J. Fox, star of ABC's "Spin City," broke seven years of silence when he revealed he has Parkinson's disease. The 37-year-old actor, best known for his work on the "Back to the Future" movies, had surgery last May to alleviate symptoms of the disease.



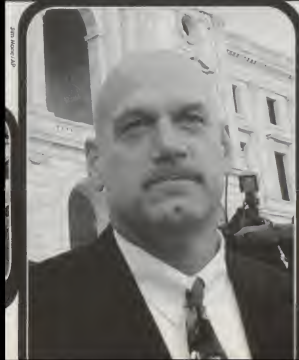
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Mounting tensions in Iraq came to a head when Saddam Hussein refused to comply with U.N. resolutions regarding inspections of suspected manufacturing sites for chemical and biological weapons. In response, President Clinton ordered a series of air strikes against Iraq. Dubbed "Operation Desert Fox" by the Pentagon, the air raids by U.S. and British forces lasted four nights and included the destruction of the Iraqi military intelligence headquarters and several weapons facilities.

NBC's highly rated sitcom "Frasier" set an industry record by winning its fifth consecutive Emmy for Outstanding Comedy Series. "Frasier" began its sixth season on a new night, filling the coveted Thursday time slot previously occupied by "Seinfeld."



Voters in Minnesota made a statement against mainstream politics when they elected Reform Party candidate and former professional wrestler Jesse "The Body" Ventura to the statehouse. The Harley-riding, cigar-smoking new governor promised Minnesotans he would return \$1 billion of the state's \$3 billion budget surplus to taxpayers. Ventura, who served one term as mayor of suburban Brooklyn Park, Minn., was one of only two independent governors in the nation.



Reed Saxon/AP



Senior tennis players and Coach **Al Detterline** present Mr. **Monte Moffett**, principal, with the sectional trophy from tennis. This year's sectional victory was the third for boys and fifth overall tennis sectional title for Coach Detterline at River Forest.

Co-Most Valuable Player **Troy Mezera**, senior, practices for an upcoming meet. Troy was Number 1 singles and compiled a record of 12-4. Troy's career record was 27-10.



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ephomore Tim Lyle
successfully serves the ball.
He accomplished a
winning record this year.



Most Valuable Player Derek Chirch, senior, executes a backhand while returning the ball. Derek posted a record of 1-3 and was Number 2 singles champ at the Lake Station Invitational. The senior's record was 27-9

How Do You Spell Success?

Want one word to describe the River Forest Boys Tennis Team? Champions! The proof was in their records.

The squad posted a 13-3 season and captured a sectional

championship. Winning that title provided a memorable moment for the hard-working team members.

The team's 13-3 season was also a season highlight. This finish tied a school record.

Unique

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"My most memorable moment in tennis was beating Dettler for the first time!" exclaimed senior Co-MVP Derek Chirch.

A special memory this year in tennis was getting the chance to play Josh Vandevender. He was like a brother," indicated senior Mike Domsic.

"After winning sectional, I was really happy that I chose to play tennis," explained senior Javier Heredia.



Matt Sobel (33), sophomore, runs to gain yardage against the North Newton Bluejays.

Senior **Kevin Wilson** (13) receives the ball from **Brain Drwecki** (69) during Homecoming 1999.



Senior Francisco Hernandez (1) kicks the winning field goal in overtime at the North Newton Homecoming game. Senior Kevin Wilson (13) holds the ball for the kicker. Francisco explained that the team was better than expected.



Focusing on Running and Gunning

FORCE (focus on reaching championship excellence) was a common acronym on the backs of shirts and on the faces of this year's football team. With new Head Coach Sherwood Haydock, the team had to focus on a new run-and-gun offense.

At the beginning of the season, one question kept popping

up in the minds of Ingots. Who would take the place of All-State honorable mention Thomas Lane? Someone had to step up, and senior Francisco Hernandez received the honors. Also accepting responsibility were seniors Shane Coleman, Joe Lewis and Mr. Football Brian Drwecki.



The offensive linemen stare down their opponents they ready themselves to fire off their line of scrimmage.

Unique

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quotable

“The great thing about football is you can lose yourself in it. There’s no time to think or worry. You just move and react and everything just fades away,” explained sophomore Steven Peek.

“We played a ‘you can’t stop us’ run-and-gun football. We stopped their offense, and played hard-nosed defense,” indicated sophomore Matt Sobel.

Senior Shane Coleman said, “I would have liked to run the Wishbone during my senior year.”

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"Our season was really good, even though we started out slow. I'm happy with the way things turned out," reflected senior Amber Varney.

Senior Crystal Lightfoot explained, "It was great how the team worked together as one. Even when we were down, we would help each other out and give each other the confidence to pull it through."

"No matter what, play your best and don't get down about the way you played or anything else," advised sophomore Amber Alexander.

Sophomore Jamie Sellers dives for a team point. Jamie was awarded Most Valuable Player for the junior varsity team. She explained, "We started out rough, but we ended with some victories."



JV players prepare to defend during a volleyball match against the Marquette Blazers.

Senior Angela Lopez (3) and junior Tracie Mezera (15) jump to successfully block an offensive attempt by their opponents.



Senior and Varsity MIP, Natalie Cartagena (23) serves the ball against the Marquette Blazers.



Serving up Some History!

A winning season was one of several accomplishments for the RF volleyball squad. The team posted 16 wins, which set a school record.

The season began slowly for the Ingots, but hard work paid off as the season progressed. A high point surfaced when the RF squad won the RF invitational. This accomplishment was a first in school history.

The RF squad lost in the second round of sectional action to

Hanover, a team later defeated in the championship game.

As the season opened, RF's junior varsity gained new Coach **Mike Lyons** who led the JV squad to an exciting win in the RF invitational.

The junior high volleyball team enjoyed a season highlight when they won their first game against Lake Station. The team was led by eighth grade captains **Amanda Alexander** and **Missy Arnold**.

Coach **Donna Briggs** gives the team a few helpful pointers during a time-out. Coach Briggs has lead the varsity squad for seven seasons.



NAC Gives Teams New Challenges

Improving running times, working hard and developing dedication were just a few aspects that the RF Boys and Girls Cross Country teams accomplished during their seasons.

The girls team captured a first place in their first appearance in the Northland Athletic Conference (NAC), which took place on October 8 at Orego-Davis High School. All of the girls placed in the top ten and were named All-Conference champions.

Mr. Phil Long was

added to the coaching staff this year.

"Despite the loss of the NAC championship, they (the boys) set personal records and put forth a great deal of effort," explained Coach Lyle Neal.

This year the squad had five returning runners, but lost two important seniors from last year.

"Our team accomplishment this year was coming together as a team and beating Whiting at our first home meet," added sophomore Jason Tschopp.

Senior Kristin Gilliana sets the pace at the end of the race. Kristin was named Most Improved Player. The runner was recommended by her coach to travel to London and compete in an international race.



Junior Malissa Burge sets her pace during a race against Whiting. Malissa was honored as Most Valuable Player and as a conference champion.

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in Billy didn't get last was a common statement after a meet.

in "My most memorable memory was getting first place at Whiting and placing sixth at sectionals," stated sophomore Harry Manos.

in "My most memorable moment in Cross Country was against Lake Central. I took the wrong course," quipped sophomore Billy Carns.

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words

ing! At the sound of the gun, Ingot runners try to obtain advantage in a race against Whiting. Both girls and boys teams were victorious at this meet.



With the conclusion in sight, freshman **Chris Davis** continues the grueling path toward the finish line.

Trying to maintain the pace, teammates senior **Alex Cisneros** and sophomore **Harry Manos** race to the finish line. Harry received a first place in the race. Both Alex and Harry were team captains for the squad.

Fall Uniforms



Varsity Volleyball Team: front row: Jessica Sutton, Courtney Krasoska, Angela Lopez, Brooke Ostrander; back row: Coach Donna Briggs, Amber Varney, Crystal Lightfoot, Natalie Cartagena and Tracie Mezera.



JV Volleyball Team: front row: Jamie Sellers, Heather Rogyom, Elizabeth Hall, Natalie Quinlan, Fernanda Herdia; back row: Amber Alexander, Silvia Montes, Coach Mike Lions, Leann Cillian and Toni Kennedy.



Varsity Football Team: front row: Francisco Hernandez, Francisco Cuevas, Kevin Wilson, Shawn Allen, Matt Sobel, Harold Therauli, Matt Lopez, Nathan Romo, Rafael Price, Steve Zoti, Joe Lewis; row 2: Jon Soto, Brandon Croften, Stacey Gunnim, John Horn, Marc Remus, Andy Degman, Steven Peck, Brian Dzwicki, Brent Heavlin, Frank Capovale, Sal Montes, Steve Evans; back row: Coach Jason Quigg, Joe Lewis, Paul Arnold, Lance Schmidt, Bill Loving, Coach Sherwood Haydock, Matt Tim Gault, Shane Coleman, Eliu Fontanez, Ryan Harder, Miguel Astorga and Coach Brian Vance.

Varsity Volleyball

(16-14)

Coach

Donna Briggs

MVP

Amber Varney

MIP

Natalie Cartagena

Captains

Tracie Mezera

Amber Varney

	RF	Opp.
Morgan	2	0
Kankakee Valley	2	0
Hammond	2	0
Calumet	2	0
Hobart	1	0
Groffith	0	0
Hebron	0	0
Hanover	0	0
Orgon-Davis	0	0
Gavi	1	0
Bonne Grove	0	0
Marquette	0	0
Washington	2	0
Wallace	2	0
Wirt	2	0
Westville	2	0
Roosevelt	2	0
Lake Station	2	0
North Newton	2	0
Washington	2	0
Lake Station	2	0
South Central	2	0
Morgan	2	0
Wheeler	0	0
Argos	1	0
Westville	2	0
South Central	2	0
Marquette	0	0
Wirt	2	0
Hanover	1	0

JV Volleyball

(7-15)

Coach

Mike Lions

MVP

Jamie Sellers

MIP

Silvia Montes

Captain

Jamie Sellers

	RF	Opp.
Morgan	0	2
Kankakee Valley	0	2
Groffith	0	0
Hebron	0	0
Hanover	0	0
Orgon-Davis	2	0
Gavi	0	0
Bonne Grove	0	0
Marquette	0	0
Washington	0	0
Michigan City	0	0
Wirt	2	0
Westville	2	0
Roosevelt	2	0
Lake Station	1	0
North Newton	0	0
Wheeler	0	0
Argos	0	0
Westville	2	0
South Central	0	0
Wirt	2	0
Wallace	2	0

Varsity Football

Coaches

Sherwood Haydock

Jason Quigg

Brian Vance

Tim Gault

MVP

Francisco Hernandez

MIP

Matt Sobel

Captains

Francisco Hernandez

Kevin Wilson

Joe Lewis

Eliu Fontanez

Shane Coleman

	RF	Opp.
Gabonier	10	11
Whiting	5	0
Kankakee Valley	0	0
Lake Station	12	0
North Newton	36	0
Lafayette	7	0
North Judson	24	0
South Central	9	0
Whiting	14	0

Girls Varsity Cross Country

(6-5)

RF	Opp.
Hawes	1
Lowell	1
Helen	1
Wheeler	1
Central	1
Witt	1
Morgan	1
Lake Station	1
Whiting	1
Hobart	1
Whiting	1

Coaches

Lyle Neal

Jim Weitzel

MVP

Malissa Burge

MIP

Marielena Dominguez

Kristin Gilliana

Captain

Kristin Gilliana



Girls Varsity Cross Country Team: front row: Malissa Burge, Becky Cisneros, Marielena Dominguez, Kristin Gilliana, Victoria Tschopp; back row: Coach Jim Weitzel and Coach Lyle Neal.

Boys Varsity Cross Country

(4-7)

RF	Opp.
Hawes	1
Lowell	1
Helen	1
Wheeler	1
Central	1
Witt	1
Morgan	1
Lake Station	1
Whiting	1
Hobart	1
Whiting	1

Coaches

Lyle Neal

Jim Weitzel

MVP

Jason Tschopp

MIP

Billy Carns

Captains

Alex Cisneros

Harry Manos



Boys Varsity Cross Country Team: front row: Jason Tschopp, Alex Cisneros, Billy Carns, Harry Manos; back row: Coach Jim Weitzel, Ray Punt, Chris Davis and Coach Lyle Neal.

Boys Varsity Tennis

(12-3)

RF	Opp.
East Chicago	5
Morton	5
Clark	5
Morton	5
Gave	4
Griffith	2
Mann	5
Roosevelt	4
Koshaker Valley	3
Marquette	2
Lake Station	5
Wallace	5
Lake Station	4
Witt	5
Valparaiso	0

Coach

Al Dettlerline

MVP

Derek Chirch

Troy Mezera

MIP

Angel Rosado

Captain

Derek Chirch



Boys Varsity Tennis Team: front row: Charles Roth; row 2: Derek Chirch, Angel Rosado, Coach Al Dettlerline, Matt Roach, Eddie Cartagena; back row: Adam Baker, Daniel Vandevender, Mike Domsic, Troy Mezera, Josh Vandevender and Tim Lyle.

Fall Uniforms



High School Cheerleaders: front row: Samantha Pieschala; row 2: Maria Burge, Sarah Saylor; row 3: Vikki Wallace, Brooke Ostrander; back row: Coach Debbie Wallace, Katie Butchko, Callena Burns, Jessica DeFord, Annette Piesyk, Christina Burns and Nicole Joseph.

Cheerleaders

Coaches

Debbie Wallace
Nicole Squires

MVP

Vikki Wallace
Annette Piesyk

MIP

Samantha Pieschala

Captains

Callena Burns
Annette Piesyk

High School
Cheerleaders
placed third in
Midwest cheer and
dance competition.



Junior High Cheerleaders: front row: Rachael Guerrero, Jill Gonzales; row 2: Evelina Verduzco, Rebekah Free, Vanessa Contreras, Stephanie DeVault; back row: Jackie Nord and Brittney Stoica.

Junior High Cheerleaders

Coach

Patricia Jennings

Captains

Brittney Stoica
Jackie Nord

Junior High
Cheerleaders
placed seventh in
competition.



Junior High Football Team: front row: Jason Lozanovski, Carmelo Venegas, Nicholas Roach, Andrew Knies, Victor Garcia, Brandon Sutherland, Timothy Lane, Anthony Travis; row 2: Jeffrey McNabb, Alfonso Martinez, Michael Fay, Robert Saylor, Rudolfo Cano, James Cadle, Jorge Gonzalez; back row: Coach Chad Guined, Jason Gutierrez, Dwayne Durk, John Horn, Coach Brian Ray, Emmanuel Garibay, James Cruz, Ricardo Price and Coach Rodney Thompson

Junior High Football

Coaches

Rodney Thompson
Chad Guined

Brian Ray

MVP

Robby Saylor

MIP

Jason Lozanovski

James Cruz

Captains

James Cruz
Robby Saylor
Justin Horn
Aaron Gutierrez

(2-6)

	RF	Opp.
Lake Station	1	W
Hobart	1	W
Whiting	W	1
Westchester	1	W
Taft	W	1
North Newton	1	W
Liberty	1	W
South Central	1	W

Seventh grade Volleyball

(3-5)

RF Opp.

Whitaker	I	W
Whitaker	I	W
Whitaker	W	I
Whitaker	W	I
Whitaker	I	W
Whitaker	W	I
Whitaker	I	W
Whitaker	I	W

Coach

Keith Hyden

MVP

Lupe Hernandez

MIP

Barbara Woodke



Seventh Grade Volleyball: front row: Pauline Ballestros, Amber Morris, Danielle Walker, Lisa Wallace, Lupe Hernandez, Tara Quinlan, Melody Myers; back row: Lauren Camp, Tillie Smith, Leticia Valenzuela, Coach Keith Hyden, Danielle Kempsey and Jennifer Wiggins.

Eighth Grade Volleyball

(2-6)

RF Opp.

Whitaker	I	W
Whitaker	I	W
Whitaker	I	W
Whitaker	W	I
Whitaker	I	W
Whitaker	W	I
Whitaker	I	W
Whitaker	I	W

Coach

Paul Murray

MVP

Amanda Alexander

MIP

Barbara Woodke

Captains

Amanda Alexander

Missy Arnold



Eighth Grade Volleyball: front row: Amber Carroll, Vanessa Gildersleeve, Brienne Gilliana, Amanda Alexander, Sunni Pacely, Barbara Woodke, Erin Kempsey; back row: Elizabeth Waters, Tonya Westmoreland, Jeanine Songer, Coach Paul Murray, Missy Arnold, Kristina Komenich and Tara Camarena.

Junior High Cross Country

(6-4)

RF Opp.

Whitaker	I	W
Whitaker	W	I
Whitaker	W	I
Whitaker	W	I
Whitaker	I	W
Whitaker	I	W
Whitaker	W	I

Coach

Jim Weitzel

MVP

Dustin Coleman

MIP

Justin Carlson

Captains

Dustin Coleman



Junior High Cross Country: front row: Matthew Kelley, John Clark, Andrew Jarvis; back row: Dustin Coleman, Justin Carlson, David Latta, and Mary Saalwaechter.

A representative from the Red Cross records data after she takes senior **Matthew Doffin's** blood pressure. Matt was one of several students who donated blood during the holiday season. Students who gave blood received a stress-reliever ball of their choice as well as cookies and a soft drink.



Pia Squires, sophomore, makes a snow angel in the cold, January snow. The blizzard of '99 dumped approximately 21 inches of snow on Northwest Indiana.



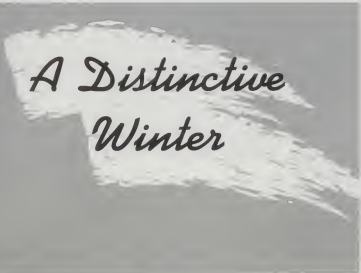
Whiteout

Blustering winds, bone chilling temperatures and blankets of snow made it one of the worst winters in Northwest Indiana history. The weather woes produced winter blues and caused the winter of '99 to be *Distinctively Different* from all other winters.

The annual holiday assembly was held on December 14. The band played *Jingle Bells Rhapsody* and teachers and faculty joined in by singing *White Christmas*. Santa Claus visited the student body and threw prizes to the crowd.

Despite the weather, the process of education at River Forest continued as normal. Ingots participated in sports, academics and other extracurricular activities. Assemblies, Turnabout and Basketball Spirit Week and Homecoming were also popular events during the winter.

Santa Claus, portrayed by Mr. Jason Quigg, passes the ball to Nicholas Hardesty, sophomore, as he attempts to win a turkey. The turkey shoot is a tradition at the River Forest holiday assembly. Students' names are drawn to shoot a free throw. If the attempt is successful, the student wins a turkey. Five turkeys were given away at the assembly.



*A Distinctive
Winter*

Sharing a slow dance, junior **Becky Chirch** and her date freshman **Chris Davis**, attend the '99 Turnabout.

Celebrating Hearts, Balloons Unbroken!

On the eve of Valentine's Day, couples gathered for the 1999 Turnabout. The February 13 date helped set the mood for a very romantic night. In keeping with the date, the elementary was decorated with roses and lace. A balloon fountain on the dance floor included a

sparkling rose in the center.

The Senior Class sponsored the event and chose the theme, "Always in My Heart."

Photographs for the occasion were taken by Root Studio. After photos, students began to dance and enjoy refreshments. Many couples attended area

restaurants before and after the dance.

One of the most memorable moments for students at Turnabout was watching each other participate in the *Chicken Dance*. Commenting on the semiformal, sophomore **Jamie Sellers** exclaimed, "I had a blast!"



Freshmen **Marja Wilson** and **Roger Mosqueda** dance to music provided by *D.J.'s Unlimited*.

Senior **Cassandra Pazdur** takes the spotlight as she dances to the *Hokey-Pokey*. This novelty tune was popular at the winter dance.



RF students gather on the dance floor to line dance to the *Electric Slide*.



Sophomores **Francisco Cuevas** and **Marielena Dominguez** dance amid the balloons and roses in the elementary gymnasium.



Time & Again

① **S**tudents wait in line at several area restaurants to be seated and dine before arriving at the dance.

② **S**poradically during the evening, students arrive at the dance with couples and friends.

③ **S**hortly after arriving, students rush to restrooms to primp before photographs.

④ **T**he dance floor fills as students shuffle to dance to a school favorite, the *Electric Slide*.

⑤ **A**s the night progresses, students hover over the refreshment table to enjoy donuts and punch.

⑥ **T**he night draws to a close as light hearts and tired feet retreat to make their way home.

Sharing conversation,
Victor Garcia, Andy Knies,
and Megan Burrell attend
the No Tardy Party.

Seventh graders Nick Roach and Lisa Wallace engage in conversation while waiting for the next song to begin. Both were members of the seventh grade royalty court.



Time & Again

① **T**he junior high Student Council sponsors all the junior high dances.

② **S**tudents who had no tardies attended the No Tardy Party dance.

③ **O**n February 4, junior high students fill the multipurpose room for the King and Queen Dance.

④ **E**ight girls and boys serve as court members, but only two were chosen as royalty.

⑤ **P**rincess and prince are seventh graders Jennifer Guzman and Tony Rosado.

⑥ **K**ristina Komenich and Dustin Coleman receive king and queen honors.



Seventh grader Rachael Guerrio and eighth grader Tony Rosado share a dance at the Valentine's Dance on February 4. Earlier in the evening, Tony was crowned prince of seventh grade. Rachael was a member of the eighth grade court.



Sporting holiday costumes, eighth graders **Jackie Nord** and **Barbara Woodke** dress for the Halloween Dance. Barbara received the "most unusual" costume award in the competition.



Dance Anyone?

Scary costumes and glittering crowns highlighted special moments for junior high students during the year. Holidays provided the occasions for students to gather in the multipurpose room to dance and celebrate Halloween and Valentine's Day.

On October 29, students arrived in a variety of costumes for the Halloween Dance. Winners of the costume competition included seventh grader **April Ard**, prettiest; seventh grader **Brandon Sutherland**, funniest; seventh grader **Dustin Swisher**, scariest; eighth grader, **Barbara Woodke**, most unusual; and seventh grader

Megan Burrell, most original.

On February 4, students gathered for the Valentine's Dance. King and Queen were eighth graders **Dustin Coleman** and **Kristina Komenich**.

Seventh graders **Tony Rosado** and **Jennifer Guzman** were selected prince and princess. Eighth grade court members were **John Clark**, **Emmanuel Caribay**, **Brandon Jacobs**, **Jeanine Songer**, **Tara Camerena**, and **Rachael Guerro**. Seventh grade court representatives were **Al Martinez**, **Nick Roach**, **Victor Garcia**, **Melody Myers**, **Lisa Wallace** and **Christina Collazo**.

Honored by her peers, eighth grader **Kristina Komenich** is crowned 1999 Valentine's Queen by 1998 queen **Leann Cicillian**, freshman.

Juniors **Malinda Burge** and **Malissa Burge** help glitter signs for the juniors' hallway. Juniors placed second in hall decoration competition.



Promoting spirit, sophomore **Tim Lyle** helps decorate the sophomore hallway. Tim was also a member of the Boys Junior Varsity Basketball Team.

Time & Again

① **B**asketball Homecoming Spirit Week begins with "jammies" and fluffy slippers.

② **T**he famous and near famous arrive on Tuesday's Hollywood Day.

③ **S**eniors and juniors go into a three round tie-breaker for second place in the Academic Bowl on Wednesday.

④ **T**heme day occurs on Thursday when students dress coordinating to their class themes.

⑤ **R**ed and gold fills the decorated hallways on Friday of Basketball Spirit Week, and seniors defeat the other classes in the battle cry.



Reaching high, freshman **Silvia Montes** helps hold balloons for hall decorations. Silvia was the only freshman girl on the Girls Varsity Basketball Team roster.



Freshmen **Richard Butchko** and **Sal Montes** dress as *Spice Girls* for a skit during the pep assembly. They received first place spirit points for freshmen during Spirit Week.



Supporting "Da Ingots," Mr. Kirk Whiting, Mr. Jason Quigg and Mr. Sherwood Haydock act as superfans at the pep assembly. The assembly was held during seventh hour on Friday.



Keeping the Spirit

Banners, pom pons, wild clothing and competitions were all a part of Basketball Homecoming Week on February 1 to 5.

On Monday, students came to school dressed in their pajamas to receive spirit points for their classes.

During fourth hour on Wednesday, sophomores won the Spirit Super Bowl, and a three round tie-breaker declared seniors second place winners.

On Thursday,

students wore clothing that resembled their class themes, which were Hoosiers, Disco, Planet Hollywood, and M&M's.

Red and gold filled the hallways on Friday, and seventh hour was the traditional pep assembly. In the competition, each class performed a skit for points, and freshmen won with four boys acting as *Spice Girls*.

When the overall points were compiled for the week, seniors won with 263 spirit points.



Signaling correct answers for juniors (foreground) and seniors (background) in the second tie-breaker question, Mrs. Irma Cuevas and Mr. Al Detterline, faculty members, raise hands for judges for Basketball Spirit Week Super Bowl teams. The senior team won second place with the third tie-breaker question, and the sophomores placed first.

Senior **Lisa Russi** colors in a poster in the senior hallway during hall decorations. Lisa was Valedictorian of the Senior Class and participated in Auxiliary Corps.

Time & Again

① Spirit court members hurry home after school to prepare for the game later that night.

② The nominees for the 1999 spirit court gather in the senior hallway for group pictures before the halftime show.

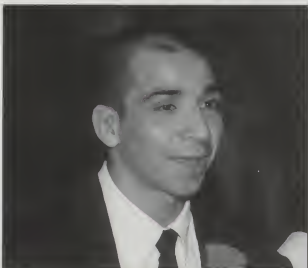
③ Fans excitedly await the announcement of basketball spirit winners.

④ Pleased senior parents stand beside their children as they are recognized for accomplishments during their high school careers.

⑤ A look of surprise falls on the faces of Natalie Cartagena and Alex Cisneros as they hear their names announced over the microphone.

⑥ Fans gather on the basketball court to watch players cutting down the net. The team captured the first NAC conference co-championship.

Natalie Cartagena, senior, proudly accepts the crown as Miss Ingot Spirit 1999. She was chosen by the student body to represent the Senior Class as the most spirited in all four years of her high school career.



Senior Alex Cisneros expresses surprise as he hears his named announced as the winner of 1999 Mr. Ingot Spirit.

Robert Joy, Mr. Basketball 1998, hands a basketball signed by the team to senior Francisco Hernandez. Francisco was voted 1999 Mr. Basketball by his teammates.



Members of the 1999 Ingot Spirit Court and escorts include seniors Amber Varney, Natalie Cartagena, Ginny Nord, Kristin Gilliana, Melissa Bagley, graduate Jason Varney, seniors Alex Cisneros, Gary Moss, Derek Chirch and Elio Fontanez.

Layout, design and reporting by Victoria Wallace

Senior **Mike Domsic** attempts a jump shot during a varsity game against the Marquette Blazers. RF was victorious against the Blazers, 97-79.



Dribble, Jump, Shoot, Score!

Filled stands with cheering fans created an exciting Basketball Homecoming scene on Friday, February 5. Spectators poured into the gymnasium to watch the Ingots battle the Blazers.

At halftime, fans watched as seniors **Alex Cisneros** and **Natalie Cartagena** received honors as Mr. and Miss Ingot Spirit 1999. **Natalie Cartagena** was also voted Miss Basketball by her teammates. At the event, Mr. Basketball was awarded to a very emotional

Francisco Hernandez.

At halftime, the Auxiliary Corps performed a dance number to a remix arranged by **Craig Mosqueda**, sophomore.

The Ingots played a spectacular game and defeated the Marquette Blazers, 97-79. This game was the determining factor for the conference championship.

Following the game, a Homecoming dance was held in the cafeteria. The music for the dance was provided by *D.J.'s Unlimited*.



Candy Robinson, senior, plays the saxophone in the Pep Band to raise school spirit. She also shows her support during the game by dressing in red and gold and painting her face.



Auxiliary Corps members line up for the beginning of their dance routine.

Mounting a NAC Attack!

Winning the NAC Tournament and cutting down the nets are memories that this year's girls Varsity and JV basketball teams will never forget.

For the first time, the Varsity finished the season with a winning record.

Coach **Al Dettlerline** finished his first season as head coach. For his efforts, *The Times* named Mr. Dettlerline "Coach of the

Year."

Unfortunately, in sectional play, RF was defeated in the second round by Hanover Central, which advanced to semi-state.

The JV followed in the Varsity's footsteps by also ending with a winning season. After placing second in the NAC Tournament, the JV continued by winning every conference game on their schedule.



Dribbling down court, junior **Becky Chirch** challenges JV Lake Station defenders. Becky was a JV captain and also played Varsity.

Junior **Tracie Mezera** pushes her way through the baseline to the rim for two points. Tracie was Varsity MVP.



Layout, design and reporting by Sarah Saylor

Sophomore Marielena Dominguez takes a shot against Lake Station. She led the JV in scoring and rebounds.

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"A special moment was cutting the net after winning the NAC Tourney Championship," said Natalie Cartagena.

"Dang it, Courtney. It's not funny anymore" was an often heard comment from Amber Varney

"Mr. Detterline is a good coach and really made everyone on the team a better basketball player," explained Amber Alexander.



Coach Al Detterline listens as senior Natalie Cartagena speaks during a pep assembly. Natalie acknowledged her teammates and Coach Detterline in her comments.



Lolita Christopher (20), sophomore, reaches for a rebound. Lolita ended the season with the second highest defensive rebounding and was first in offensive rebounding for the Varsity.

Silvia Montes (22), freshman, fights for an offensive rebound against Lake Station. The team defeated their local rivals, 48-44.

Shoot for Two!

Putting up the numbers, the RF Boys Varsity Basketball squad averaged 71 points per game and set a sectional record of 112 points in a sectional game. With numbers like that, it wasn't surprising that Coach **Jim Spencer** referred to the team as "probably the most explosive, exciting team ever at RF!"

The squad captured a NAC co-conference title and put together back-

to-back winning seasons. This conference win gave the Ingots a co-title in the 1999 NAC and co-title in the Northwest Hoosier Conference in 1998.

Senior **Kevin Wilson** received Honorable Mention on the State All-Academic Team. Seniors **Robert Otero**, **Francisco Hernandez**, **Kevin Wilson** and **Mike Domsic** averaged over 11 points per game.

Senior **Francisco Hernandez (41)**, co-Most Valuable Player, takes the ball down the court during the victorious Homecoming game against the Marquette Blazers.



From the bench, senior **Troy Mezera** and sophomores **Angel Rosado** and **Francisco Cuevas** encourage their teammates.



Senior **Robert Otero** attempts a three-point shot to aid in a win against the Marquette Blazers. Robert was named the squad's co-MVP.



Stretching, freshman **Michael Minarich (54)** jumps high during a tip-off of the JV game against the Blazers.

Sophomore **Angel Rosado (23)** cuts down a piece of the net following the Homecoming win against the Marquette Blazers.

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m "We surprised many people, but we still came up short," said **Javier Heridia**.

m "Winning conference was NEAT-O!" exclaimed **Troy Mezera**.

m "We may not have won many games, but everyone who saw the freshmen play knew that they had worked hard in order to pick up their games," said Coach **Jason Quigg**.

Eye-to-Eye with Your Opponent

Both personal and team goals were a priority for RF wrestlers during the 1999 season. Season highlights included sending four wrestlers to regional competition and defeating North Newton in a duel meet for the first time.

Senior **Alex**

Coaching from the sidelines, Mr. **Brian Vance**, and Assistant Coach **Kevin Persley** yell out instructions to their players. Mr. Persley attended RF and is a former Ingot wrestler.

Cisneros, junior **Paul Arnold**, junior **Mike Lopez** and sophomore **Ryan Garner** represented the Ingots in regional matches.

Head Coach **Brian Vance** and assistant coaches **Jim Weitzel** and **Kevin Persley** guided the team during the season.

Heavyweight **Paul Arnold**, junior, locks up with his opponent in an attempt to pin him successfully. Paul's record for the season was 17-2.





Sophomore **Steve Zon** manuevers a spiral ride on his West Side opponent during the Lake Station invitational. Steve was 5-0 in the tournament and finished in first place in the 215-pound weight division



In anticipation of upcoming matches, RF wrestlers perform warm-up stretching exercises before the Lake Station invitational.

Unique

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"Girls can do anything guys can do!" maintained **Becky Cisneros**, the only female member of the wrestling team.

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"This year we really worked more as a team, I'd say that it definitely paid off," said **Alex Cisneros**.

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"It was a great season for the team overall. I did a lot better this year than I did last year," expressed **Steven Alexander**.

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Winter Uniforms



Varsity Boys Basketball Team: front row: Jason Tschopp, Javier Heredia, Robert Otero, Angel Rosado, Francisco Hernandez, Emmanuel Martinez, Billy Carns; back row: Coach Jim Spencer, Mike Domsic, Kevin Wilson, Joey Heaton, Anthony Colon, Troy Mezera and Coach Terry Wilcox.



JV Boys Basketball Team: front row: Billy Carns, Nathan Otero, Harry Manos, Craig Mosqueda, Jason Tschopp; back row: Jose Cisneros, Matt Roach, Francisco Cuevas, Sal Montes, Brandon Crofton, Tim Lyle and Coach Joe Burleson.



Freshman Boys Basketball Team: front row: Edward Stojancevich, Matt Paul, Charles Roth, Enrique Zepeda, Brant Heavilin; back row: Danny Farthing, Chris Davis, Rafael Price, Stacey Gumm, Michael Minarich, Eli Gregory and J.R. Butchko.

Varsity Boys Basketball

Coaches

Jim Spencer
Terry Wilcox
Joe Burleson
Jason Quigg

MVP

Kevin Wilson
Francisco Hernandez

Robert Otero

MIP

Mike Domsic

Captains

Kevin Wilson
Francisco Hernandez
Javier Heredia

(13-9)

	RF	Opp.
Chesterton	81	66
Indianapolis	82	66
Westville	87	66
Argos	88	66
South Central	91	66
Boone Grove	95	66
Holart	98	66
Lake Station	99	66
Argos	102	66
Helton	105	66
Kankakee Valley	106	66
Gavit	108	66
South Central	111	66
North Judson	112	66
Westville	113	66
Oregon Days	114	66
Whiting	117	66
Marquette	119	66
Gallagher	101	70
North Newton	81	90
Hanover	67	71
North Newton	112	114

JV Boys Basketball

Coach

Jim Burleson

(9-11)

	RF	Opp.
Chesterton	28	36
Indianapolis	25	17
Westville	49	22
Argos	28	19
Boone Grove	36	19
Holart	19	13
Lake Station	30	80
Argos	35	13
Helton	33	13
Kankakee Valley	28	36
Gavit	35	49
South Central	23	34
North Judson	28	30
Westville	41	21
Oregon Days	44	21
Whiting	33	9
Marquette	39	31
Gallagher	29	9
North Newton	12	36
Hanover	11	36

Freshman Boys Basketball

Coaches

Jason Quigg
Charles Roth

MIP

Stacey Gumm
J.R. Butchko

Captains

Enrique Zepeda
Brant Heavilin

(3-14)

	RF	Opp.
Lake Station	36	41
Valparaiso	31	42
Crown Point	34	42
Griffith	25	33
Whiting	33	18
Hanover	44	9
Meridville	28	33
Gallagher	30	35
Wheeler	31	23
Portage	28	33
Washington	30	31
Clark	29	31
Helton	34	38
Holart	29	36
Griffith	25	31
Hanover	30	41
Chesterton	30	49

(16-7)

	RF	Opp.
Cummins	12	12
Day	10	11
Miners	55	55
Lake Station	88	88
Boone Grove	51	56
Woods	70	82
Argos	31	29
Central Davis	61	10
South Newton	51	71
Hanover	63	81
Julia	79	12
Albion	72	27
South Central	86	18
Kankakee Valley	47	80
Marquette	43	67
Central	15	48
Oregon Davis	71	17
Madison	57	17
Hobson	61	31
Wassville	47	30
Washington	76	47
Boone Grove	60	16
Hanover	89	67

Varsity Girls Basketball

Coach

Al Deterline

MVP

Tracie Mezera

MIP

Lolita Cristopher

Courtney Krasoczka

Captain

Tracie Mezera



Girls Varsity Basketball Team: front row: Jessica Sutton, Marialena Dominguez, Courtney Krasoczka, Amber Varney, Becky Chirch; back row: Coach Al Deterline, Natalie Cartagena, Leann Cicillian, Lolita Cristopher, Tracie Mezera, Crystal Lightfoot and Sylvia Montes.

(14-6)

	RF	Opp.
Cummins	11	40
Day	29	11
Miners	17	37
Lake Station	29	15
Boone Grove	27	16
Argos	36	18
Marquette	37	21
South Newton	29	16
Hanover	29	21
Argos	17	21
Man	57	25
South Central	18	22
Kankakee Valley	15	82
Marquette	22	21
East Central	25	21
Oregon Davis	30	16
Madison	36	18
Hobson	34	41
Wassville	28	10
Washington	32	24

JV Girls Basketball

Coach

Phil Long

MVP

Marialena Dominguez

MIP

Elizabeth Hall

Captains

Becky Chirch

Leticia Verdusco



JV Girls Basketball: front row: Melissa Burge, Becky Chirch, Elizabeth Hall; row 2: Marialena Dominguez, Jennifer Clifford, Leann Cicillian, Leticia Verdusco, Amber Alexander, Fernanda Heridia; back row: Coach Phil Long.

(5-18-1)

	RF	Opp.
South Newton	22	50
Miners	40	12
Madison	33	15
Calder	31	17
South Newton	42	12
North Newton	37	15
Boone Grove	27	15
Whiting	40	37
Wet	38	12
Lake Wallace	66	17
Calder	6	71
Lake Central	12	64
Knox	11	42
Hobart	12	67
Marion	21	60
Alex Sade	21	85
Merton	29	37
Lowell	6	68
Lake Station	22	57
Madison	6	61
Marquette	55	21
Kankakee Valley	32	48
Antstream	21	54
Hanover	35	42

Varsity Wrestling

Coaches

Brian Vance

Kevin Persly

Jim Weitzel

MVP

Alex Cisneros

MIP

Paul Arnold

Captain

Alex Cisneros



Varsity Wrestling Team: front row: Joseph Nuzzo, Tony Klemchek, Michael Lopez, Coach Brian Vance, Ramon Verdusco, Alex Cisneros, Becky Cisneros; back row: Kevin Persly, Paul Arnold, Joel Soto, Anthony Whitman, Steven Alexander, Steve Zon, Keith Lindahl and Coach Jim Weitzel.

Winter Uniforms



Eighth Grade Boys Basketball Team: front row: Louie Smith, Jack Stoddard, Robert Ordway, John Clark, Dustin Coleman, Mike Fay, Andres Verduzco, Justin Carlson; back row: Brandon Jacobs, David Latta, Rudy Cano, Emanuel Garibay, Justin Horn, Dwayne Durk, Jason Gutierrez and Coach Johnny Gutierrez.



Seventh Grade Boys Basketball Team: front row: Carmelo Venegas, Nicholas Roach, Victor Garcia, Andrew Knies, Joshua Elea; back row: Coach Rodney Thompson, Jeff McNabb, Ricardo Price, Mitchell Minarich and Andy Jarvis.



Eighth Grade Girls Basketball Team: front row: Amber Carroll, Ashley Ayres, Amanda Alexander, Sunni Pacey, Brienne Gilliana; back row: Ashley Sutherland, Kristina Komenich, Melissa Arnold, Eviline Verduzco, Brandi Ortiz, Tonya Westmoreland and Coach Melinda Sutherland.

Eighth Grade Boys Basketball

Coach

Johnny Gutierrez

MVP's

Aaron Gutierrez

Justin Horn

MIP

Michael Fay

Captain

Dustin Coleman

(5-7)

	RF	Opp.
Griffith	W	W
Fegely	L	W
Liberty	L	W
Willowcreek	L	W
Lake Station	W	L
Hanover	W	L
Hobart	L	W
St. Bridges	L	W
Westchester	W	L
Ben Franklin	L	W
Pierce	L	W
Washington	W	L

Seventh Grade Boys Basketball

Coach

Rodney Thompson

MVP

Nick Roach

MIP

Mitchell Minarich

Captain

Nick Roach

(2-10)

	RF	Opp.
Griffith	34	39
Fegely	21	44
Liberty	26	34
Willowcreek	15	43
Lake Station	29	25
Hanover	31	40
Hobart	26	36
St. Bridges	32	21
Westchester	23	38
Ben Franklin	20	21
Pierce	16	31
Washington	23	29

Eighth Grade Girls Basketball

Coach

Melinda Sutherland

MVP

Amanda Alexander

MIP

Sunni Pacey

Captains

Brienne Gilliana

Evilina Verduzco

(0-12)

	RF	Opp.
Harrison	8	27
Washington	19	37
Michigan City	27	30
Hobart	29	32
Hanover	14	22
Westchester	10	30
Orgon-Davis	14	60
Lake Ridge	15	34
Willowcreek	21	29
Lake Station	23	29
Fegely	16	45
Wheeler	17	27

Seventh Grade Girls Basketball

(2-10)

	RF	Opp.
Rainson	W	L
Washington	L	W
Grant	L	W
Michigan	L	W
Holm	L	W
Hansen	L	W
Westchester	L	W
Willowcreek	L	W
Lake Station	W	L
Westchester	L	W
Fagley	L	W
Wheeler	L	W
Liberty	L	W

Coach

Keith Hyden

MVP

Melody Meyers

MIP

Mary Saalwaechter

Captain

Melody Myers



Seventh Grade Girls Basketball Team: front row: Amber Morris, Danielle Walker, Jody Soliday, Lise Wallace, Melody Myers, Jessica Freeman; back row: Lauren Camp, Tillie Smith, Coach Keith Hyden, Michelle Joseph, Paulina Ballesteros, Danielle Kempksie and Mary Saalwaechter.

Junior High Wrestling

(0-6)

	RF	Opp.
Invitational	L	W
Holm	L	W
Ingots	L	W
Willowcreek	L	W
Lake Station	L	W

Coach

Sherwood Haydock

MVP

James Cruz

MIP

Anthony Travis

Captains

James Cruz

Anthony Travis



Junior High Wrestling: front row: Nathan McPike, Brandon Sutherland, Timothy Lane; back row: Mike Adams, Coach Sherwood Haydock, James Cruz and Anthony Travis.



Brant Heavilin, freshman, dribbles down the lane to score two points for his team. Brant was a captain for the freshman team.

Any plans for when you grow up?

Making choices for a future career is not an easy decision. A Career Day program was held on January 20 to assist students in making that selection. The program consisted of an opening assembly and three short career sessions.

The keynote speaker was Mr. Kevin Trezak, a River Forest graduate and current principal of Riley Elementary School. He emphasized that the choices made now will directly affect a student's future.

Following the

keynote, students moved to smaller group meetings. Participants chose from 36 career sessions, ranging from court reporting to serving in the armed forces.

Dr. Bob Wright, guidance counselor, said that "Career Day is

important because it helps students adequately prepare for the future."

Commenting on the morning sessions, sophomore Amber Alexander said, "I liked Career Day more than I thought I would."

Time & Again

① Second, third and fourth periods serve as time slots for Career Day.

② River Forest graduates speak about college life.

③ Fifty-three seniors write Career Day essays for Mrs. Sandra Mihalik's English Class.

④ Six of the guest speakers at Career Day are River Forest alumnus.

⑤ Mr. Kevin Trezak addresses students at the all-school assembly.

⑥ Dr. Bob Wright organizes Career Day sessions.



Mr. Chris Sheid and Mr. Clifton Brown, RF graduates, discuss careers in the field of journalism. Both professional journalists are employed by *The Times* newspaper.

Seniors Damaris Ginorio and Yolanda Puentes listen and take notes during a session concerning social work as a career opportunity.

Mr. Kevin Trezak talks to students about the importance of education. Mr. Trezak, a River Forest graduate, was the keynote speaker at the Career Day assembly.



Mr. Gabe Wright informs Career Day participants about requirements for a career as a pilot.

Davenport College's representative Ms. Allison Staller advises RF students about business careers. Davenport is located in Merrillville on U.S. 30.

Freshman **Mike Minarich** participates in *Read Across America* by presenting kindergarten **Shaya Crofton** with a bookmark. The program was held on March 2.



Sophomores **Lolita Christopher**, **Fernanda Heridia** and **Sandra Manzo** participate in *The Oprah Winfrey Show*. The activity was conducted to teach interviewing techniques.



Reading Across America

In celebration of Dr. Seuss' birthday, students across America participated in *Read Across America* on March 2.

Students in the freshman English classes made bookmarks. The project took about two weeks to complete.

Sophomores created storybooks to read to the elementary students. Requirements for the book included teaching a value, making the story subject and age appropriate, and using proper language and grammar techniques.



Fernanda Heridia, sophomore, completes her catalog project for *Julius Caesar* in fourth hour English.



Alison Patterson, sophomore, concentrates as she works on a packet in Mr. Kirk Whiting's world history class.

Freshman Hope Green reads a story to Tyler Brown, a kindergartner at River Forest Elementary.

Reflecting on the Past

So What Did You Learn?

So how could learning about the past help you in class? Many students during the year had the opportunity to study about the influences of the past, in subjects like art, literature and history.

Students in English classes read many plays by notable authors. Some students also became authors themselves by creating storybooks to read to elementary students. Senior English classes traveled to Chicago twice during the year to view the plays *Much Ado About Nothing* and *Macbeth* by William Shakespeare.

History classes also participated in a wide variety of projects. They watched videos of historical events and prepared entries for Multicultural Week.

As in past years, art classes visited the Art Institute of Chicago. While there they viewed paintings and sculptures from past master artists. While in class, the participants studied about the artists and their techniques prior to the visit.

During Mr. Kirk Whiting's sixth hour world history class, freshman **Chris Davis** concentrates on finishing a test.

Eighth grade students complete an assignment in Mr. Rodney Thompson's sixth hour geography class.

Beginning band members Robert Ordway and Steven Clifford, eighth graders, practice their drum part during sixth hour.

Focusing on the Present

Enrich Your Life?

What in the present can bring you joy and enrichment in your life? How about the sounds of music and the beauty of language? The year was filled with many diversified activities for the Foreign Language and Music Departments.

Many people think that a foreign language class is just about learning how to speak a language; however, culture is also an important aspect. French classes studied the culture of France by taking a field trip to the Art Institute in Chicago to see the works of the impressionists.

Spanish classes made practical use of their knowledge by viewing the play, *The Barber of Seville*. Classes also prepared a version of *The Three Bears* for Multicultural Week.

The Band and Choir maintained busy schedules this year too. They used valuable class time to prepare for participation in the Chicago St. Patrick's Day Parade, the annual Jazz Fest and for spring concerts. A "B" Jazz Band was added to the Music Department for the first time in many years. The newly organized group was composed of beginning and intermediate band members.

Eighth grader Vanessa Gildersleeve and sophomore Sandra Manzo practice during sixth hour beginning band.



Eighth graders Tara Camarena and Vanessa Walley and drummers Robert Ordway and Steven Clifford practice a selection in sixth hour beginning band class.



A Holiday Te Amo!

Students in Spanish classes constructed Valentine's cards for the holiday.

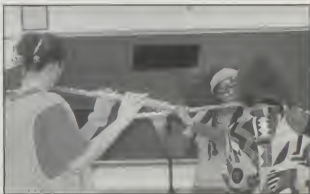
Participants wrote messages in Spanish and some provided translations on the back of the card.

Construction paper, crayons and markers were provided by Mrs. Irma Cuevas, instructor. Students brought other materials from home to apply to their greeting card. Students applied a variety of materials to their finished products. Items included rose petals, glitter, beads, pipe cleaners and lace.



Spanish class students participate in a group activity. Due to construction work on the roof, all of Mrs. Irma Cuevas's classes were relocated to the Apple Orchard in the library.

During Football Homecoming Red and Gold Day, flautists tune up before an assembly performance.



In celebration of Mardi Gras, junior **David Hall**, freshman **Holly Westmoreland** and senior **Alex Cisneros** design masks. French students also prepared traditional French and Cajun foods.

In Woods I during sixth hour, freshman **Edward Stojancevich** uses a vise to clamp down his data central, cassette disc holder. The class used various types of machinery to complete projects.



Maria Concepcion and Jered Peters, seniors, take time to make sure their "baby" runs properly during sixth hour child development class. The doll was used by students to practice parenting skills.



Junior **Billy Fast** finishes a Christmas dinner. The junior's class prepared the feast as a class life skill.

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Parenting

Demonstrating parenting skills, students enrolled in child development classes were able to care for electronic "babies" at school and at home. The "babies" were programmed and operated by Mrs. **Pat McNabb**. The instructor was able to tell if the "babies" were cared for properly when students returned them to school. Mrs. McNabb was also able to program the "babies" to either run in intervals or to cry randomly.

Students received two keys that were used to control the crying of the "babies." One key was for feeding and the other for changing. Students were required to figure out which key to use when the "baby" cried. This simulated the care of a real infant.



Ramon Verduzco, sophomore, uses his text to find information for a child development project during his sixth hour class. Students completed the project to improve basic skills required for the course.



Sophomore Francisco Cuevas concentrates on putting together a step stool in Woods 1 during his sixth hour class.

Looking to the Future Work Made Fun!

Several courses included in the curriculum provided opportunities for students to master practical skills and to prepare them for the world of work.

In woods classes, the students constructed items for everyday life. They produced items such as tables, game boards, step stools and more.

Food classes concentrated on preparing a variety of foods. Skills learned helped students gain knowledge for careers and personal use in the future.

Child development and parenting classes learned the skills needed to one day care for their future offspring.

Although certainly practical, these courses also helped to enrich the future lives of students.

Senior **Troy Mezera**, dressed as a famous mathematician, stands before his third hour calculus class and delivers a mathematics presentation on Rene Des Cartes. Rene Des Cartes was an historical figure in mathematics.

Gathering for Infinity From Beginning to End

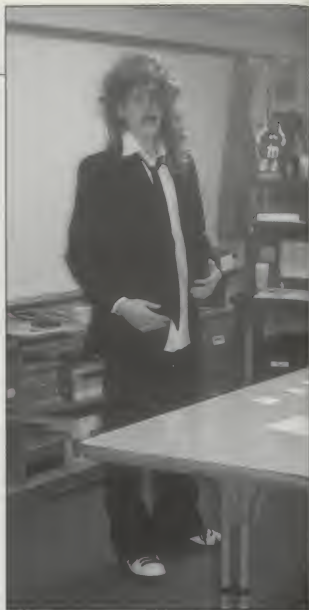
Since kindergarten, students have been gathering scientific and mathematical concepts one on top of the other. Like A to Z, mathematics builds from addition to calculus.

From complicated equations to counting on one's fingers, people have been using mathematical concepts throughout history. Mr. Jason Quigg's class used costumes and presented speeches about historical mathematicians in calculus class.

Computers have played a major role in the past and will continue to affect lives in the 21st century. Students used the Internet and other reference software to find information for reports.

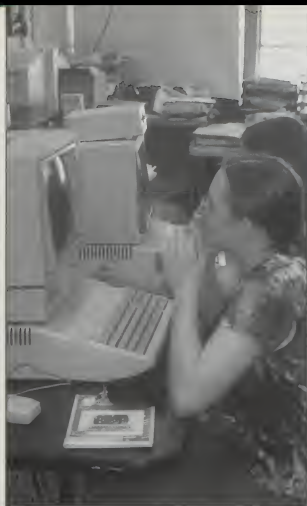
In the world of science, one learns skills that form a continuing loop of knowledge. In classes, students performed many experiments to evaluate matter and chemicals.

Classes in science, mathematics and computers represented knowledge gained in the past, continuing at present and advancing beyond to infinity.



Annette Piesyk, junior, receives assistance with a worksheet from **Mrs. Kathy Hooks** during seventh hour chemistry class. Throughout the year, the students in this class performed many experiments like determining the effects chemicals have on each other.

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Eight grader **Crystal Salzer** works at the computer in Mrs. Mary Ann Barkalow's sixth hour pre-algebra class. Students used computers to help with completing integers.

Koula Mamaes, junior, continues work on a report during her sixth hour computer business applications class. Students in this course used the computers for class assignments. After completing class work, students earned time on the Internet.



Mrs. **Kathy Hooks** and sixth hour Chemistry II students place a poster on the wall about chemists of the world. Research and construction of the poster was the group's project for Multicultural Week.



Calculus and Mathematicians

Some think of mathematics as a sit-down-and-do-your-work type of class. They see it as a course where one just learns math techniques.

During the first semester of the year, Mr. **Jason Quigg** incorporated writing into his calculus class. Students researched the lives of historical mathematicians and wrote a short paper about them. After writing the papers, students were required to give a presentation about the figure. They even made costumes to represent the person researched.

Seniors **Maria Cuevas** and **Robert Otero** delight in Spanish cuisine at the Multicultural Food Fair. Multicultural Week helped students learn about their distinctiveh different cultures.



Alex Mefford, junior, shares *Timmv the Tractor*, a storybook he wrote and illustrated, with Ben, a kindergartner at RFE. Writing and illustrating a book with a moral was a project in celebration of Read Across America in Miss Francie Blaney's sophomore English class.



Seeking Rainbows

Flowers blooming, grass growing, birds singing and a leaky roof were all signs that spring had finally arrived at River Forest. Students returned to school from spring break to find that the whole upstairs level had experienced flood damage due to golf-ball sized hail damage to the roof. The leaky roof was just one event that made spring *Distinctively Different*. Despite the noise from the roofing company, education continued as usual at RF.

A terrible tragedy at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colorado changed the way students and teachers felt about safety. New rules were enforced that secured students and teachers throughout the RF building. Suggestion boxes were placed in the hallways so anonymous tips about danger could be reported.

Differences in the rules made little impact on the normal spring activities. Prom, sports events, field trips, awards days, and Graduation continued as usual. As the end of the year rapidly approached, underclassmen began to decide which classes they would take and which activities they would participate in for the next school year. Seniors began to decide which paths they would take after high school. While making these decisions, each student learned that 1999 was indeed a *Distinctively Different* year.

Buckets line the hallway to catch leakage due to damage of the roof by hail. Approximately 33 buckets were placed in the upstairs hallway to catch the spring rains.



*A Distinctive
Spring*

Senior Javier Heridia and his date, graduate Amy Rogers, enter in the Grand March. The formal was held at the Croation Center.



Enjoying the music, seniors and their dates gather on the dance floor.



Junior Marc Remus and his date, Mary Beth Stallings, dress up for the spring formal. The couple dance to the sounds of *Dynamic Music*.



Junior Annette Piesyk coaxes her date Paul Arnold, junior, onto the dance floor.



Senior Kimberly Skalik sheds her shoes in the center of the circle at Prom '99. "I enjoy being the center of attention!" she exclaimed.

A Night Full Of Dreams

Sunshine and a gentle breeze provided a pleasant evening for students arriving at the Croation Center on April 30 for the '99 Prom. The theme for the formal affair was *Dreams Do Come True*.

In celebration of the occasion, guests received long-stem

glasses and photo key chains as souvenirs for the event, which was sponsored by the Junior Class.

The Grand March began at 6 p.m. Announced by Mr. Mike Domsic, the lead-off couple was freshman **Clifton Carothers** and senior **Erica Mullins**.

Periodically throughout the evening, students gathered at the hall's gazebo for photographs by Root Studio. The breathtaking sunset served as a background for the formal photographs. Guests also enjoyed a buffet-style meal and dancing.

The disc jockey for the dance was *Dynamic Music*. The group lead couples in a series of dances from slow and romantic to fast and upbeat. An awry of group dances like *The Train* and *The Twist* were also included.



Time
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① Guests arrive at the Croation Center in Merrillville on April 30 to attend the River Forest High School Prom, *Dreams Do Come True*.

② Students leave school after fourth hour to pick up tuxedos, to meet hair appointments and to purchase last minute accessories.

③ Guests arrive early for photographs and the Grand March at 6 p.m.

④ After the Grand March, couples choose tables and are seated for their meal.

⑤ Slowly, guests migrate onto the dance floor as the disc jockey picks up the pace of the music.

⑥ Many couples choose to spend May 1 at Great America or in the city of Chicago.

Ginny Nord, senior, and sophomore **Bill Loving** dance to *The Twist*. The 60's dance rage was one of the many dance styles and songs played that evening.

Great Moments, Great America!

The temperature soared and so did spirits on May 28 as seniors happily climbed onto busses and traveled to Great America. The class trip was a first for senior classes at RF in several years.

Approximately 40 members of the Class of 1999 departed at 9 a.m. for the Illinois amusement park. A tired but enthusiastic group returned to

school at 9:30 p.m.

Chaperones for the trip included Mrs. Pat McNabb, class sponsor; Mr. Monte Moffett, principal; Mrs. Sandra Mihalik; Mrs. Lisa Miranda; Mr. Kirk Whiting; and Dr. Bob Wright.

Commenting on the activity, senior Lisa Russi exclaimed, "Great America was fun because it was our last time to be together as a class!"

Seniors **Angela Lopez** and **Lisa Russi** take time out from their riding to pose for a picture with Wile E. Coyote. The spring event was sponsored by the Senior Class.



Time & Again

- ① Seniors step aboard coach busses at 9 a.m.
- ② Participants gather in groups to enjoy the park.
- ③ Carousels, roller-coasters and water slides attract the thrillseekers.
- ④ Shows, games and cotton candy peek the interest of participants.
- ⑤ Songs and chatter fill the busses as the soon-to-be grads depart.



Angela Lopez, senior, drives around the track in a roadster at Great America amusement park. Approximately 40 seniors attended the trip.



Seniors **Candy Robinson** and **Jason Saklak** discuss the day's activities while waiting to ride *the Batman*. The seniors waited in various lines for hours throughout the day.



Seniors sing merrily to kill time on their way back to Indiana. Coach busses were provided as transportation for the Senior Trip.



Senior **Amber Varney** and Senior Class sponsor **Mrs. Pat McNabb** rest on a bench after a long day of being on their feet. They were waiting for Mr. Moffett and Dr. Wright to finish their ride on the bumper cars.

Time & Again

A Day To Award

Students making the grade were honored at Underclassmen Awards Day. Underclassmen gathered in the gymnasium for the spring ceremony on May 25.

Teachers, faculty and administrators

presented students with certificates of achievement in the fields of foreign language, literature, arts, science, journalism, industrial training, perfect attendance and top academic achievements.



Angelique Wilson, junior, is presented with a certificate for academic achievement in Spanish III. Angelique also received a three-year certificate for high school band.

① Students gather in the gymnasium for the spring presentation of Underclassmen Awards Day.

② Awards honor students for merit, achievement, perfect attendance and citizenship.

③ Mr. Weldon Slater awards Erica Bowen with the John Philip Sousa Award. This award is one of the highest given to students.

④ Paul Arnold, junior, receives a perfect attendance award for attending school for nine years without missing one day!

⑤ Victoria Wallace is the *Post Tribune's* Most Valuable Staffer.

⑥ With certificates and honors in hand, underclassmen exit the gymnasium to return to fifth hour.

Sophomore Jessica Nunez receives an award for participation in the art fair. She also received a pin for Auxiliary Corps.



Jessica Flatt, sophomore, accepts ribbons from Mr. Monte Moffett, principal, for participation in the art fair and a second place ribbon for her project.



Sophomore Marialena Dominguez accepts a medal as Outstanding Band Member for the sophomores. The sophomore was also presented with a certificate of achievement in English and Speech.

Senior **Kevin Wilson** and **Derek Chirch**, class president, present a bouquet of flowers to their "favorite assistant principal," Mrs. **Deb Kadish**. This was Mrs. Kadish's first year and graduation at RF.



Seniors march into the gymnasium for Senior Awards Day. Seniors were recognized during sixth and seventh periods on May 26.

Senior **Maria Concepcion** receives a certificate from **Mr. Monte Moffett**, principal. Maria was cited for her work as a junior high guidance office assistant during her senior year.



Receiving his Core 40 letter, senior, Rick Mearse is honored for academic achievement by Mr. Monte Moffett. One of Rick's core 40 classes was physics.



Honoring a Great Job!

A pat on the back and a round of applause filled the gymnasium on May 26. Seniors received recognition for their achievements during Senior Awards Day.

Also cited at the sixth and seventh hour ceremony were Mrs. **Kathy Hooks** and Mr. **Pete Huse**. Mrs. **Kathy Hooks** was awarded Outstanding Teacher by Quill and Scroll, journalism honorary.

Mr. **Pete Huse**,

athletic director, was presented with a scrapbook from all the athletic events. The book was signed by all RF athletes. Mr. Huse will be employed next year by the Rensselaer school system.

Several seniors received cash scholarships during the ceremony. Valedictorian **Lisa Russi** and Salutatorian **Amber Wulitich** were presented with academic trophies.

Senior **Patty Gallegos** is presented with a Hoosier Spell Bowl award from Mr. **Jim Weitzal** and Mrs. **Kathy Hooks**. Patty was a main competitor in Spell Bowl during the fall.



Time & Again

- ① **M**rs. **Deb Kadish** receives a bouquet of flowers from the Senior Class.
- ② **S**enior Class officers present an athletic scrapbook to Mr. **Pete Huse**.
- ③ **A**mber **Varney** and **Mike Domsic** capture the Joe Burleson Sportsmanship Award.
- ④ **L**isa **Russi** and **Amber Wulitich** receive academic trophies.
- ⑤ **M**att **Doffin** is awarded the Band Directors Award. Matt served six years in the organization.
- ⑥ **E**liu **Fontanez** nets a major academic scholarship from Wabash College.

Senior Amanda Higgins sings *I Will Remember You* to the seniors during graduation. Amanda was also active in the school band.



Senior Tiffany Bowman, sophomore Jamie Sellers and senior Melissa Bagley play *When You Believe* during graduation. Tiffany and Melissa played for the final time at the ceremony.



Time & Again

① Seniors take the traditional walk as the Band plays *Pomp and Circumstance*.

② Lisa Russi and Amber Wulitich give farewell valedictory and salutatory speeches.

③ Amanda Higgins sings a solo to the Senior Class during graduation.

④ Senior Band and Choir members perform for the last time in high school.

⑤ Seniors hug during graduation as their class song, *Time of Your Life*, is played.

⑥ Class officers instruct seniors to turn tassels.



Valedictorian Lisa Russi reads her speech written in verse. Lisa plans next year to attend Evangel University.



Salutatorian **Amber Wultich** receives a Dollars for Scholars envelope from **Mr. Robert Marszalek**, acting superintendent. Amber plans to attend IUN and major in medicine.

River Forest graduate **Anthony Alfano** speaks to the Class of '99 at graduation. Mr. Alfano graduated from River Forest in 1991.



Grads Close 20th Century

Looking back and looking forward, on June 1 the Class of 1999 celebrated the true meaning of their class motto: "As the Century Ends, Our Future Begins."

Valedictorian **Lisa Russi**, senior, read her speech written in verse. The senior reflected on her years at River Forest. Salutatorian **Amber Wultich**, senior, gave her farewell speech indicating that history repeats itself.

During graduation, the Senior Class officers presented gifts to six special faculty members. They presented plaques to **Mr. Jim Reygart** and **Ms. Terry Watkins**. **Mrs. Pat McNabb**, Senior

Class sponsor, was the recipient of a scrapbook filled with memories from the Class of '99. Other presentations were made to **Dr. Bob Wright**, **Mr. Jason Quigg** and **Mr. Monte Moffett**.

Class of '91 graduate **Mr. Anthony Alfano** was the guest speaker. Mr. Alfano's speech was entitled, "It is All in the State of Mind."

After receiving their diplomas from **Mr. Robert Marszalek**, acting superintendent, seniors were led by class officers in the traditional turning of tassels to indicate their graduate status.



Tossing their caps, seniors celebrate graduation. Following the ceremony, family and friends joined the graduates in the elementary gymnasium.

Senior Amber Wullich admires the trophy that was awarded to her for salutatorian honors.

Making the Grade

Determination, dedication, honor and glory were all characteristics that students in the top ten shared.

Achieving top ten status in the

class did not come easily. Honor students worked to balance activities and academics.

It was also uncommon for the students to settle

for anything less than their personal best. Extra hours and brainpower were spent in achieving just one thing, success with top honors.



Time & Again

- ① Ten set personal goals for excellence.
- ② Some tuck extra books under an arm after practice.
- ③ The brightest choose the more difficult course.
- ④ Late nights prove the rule for those balancing books and activities.
- ⑤ Red cords designate the girls and yellow cords signify the boys.



Lisa Russi proudly accepts the valedictory trophy presented by Mr. Monte Moffett, principal, at the Senior Awards Day assembly.

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◆ **Lisa Russi** graduated as valedictorian of the class of 1999. Lisa also participated in Auxiliary Corps and on the academic teams.



◆ **Amber Wulitich** finished her high school years as salutatorian. Amber was a member of the academic teams and Honor Society.



◆ **Brian Drwecki** ranked third in the Class of 1999. Brian was chosen as Mr. Football and received a scholarship from Wabash College.



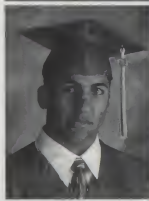
◆ **Kristin Gilliana** graduated fourth in the Class of 1999. Kristin served as Honor Society President and vice president of the Senior Class.



◆ **Erica Barrow** graduated fifth in her class. Erica ranked first in the state ISSMA music contest. The senior plans a career in music education.



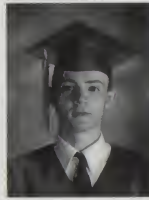
◆ **Kevin Wilson** ranked sixth in the Senior Class. Kevin was active in several sports and participated in Hoosier Boys' State and Honor Society.



◆ **Eliu Fontanez** graduated seventh in his class. Eliu was a recipient of an Eli Lily Scholarship and will attend Wabash College.



◆ **Derek Chirch** finished eighth in the Class of 1999. Derek was Captain of the tennis team and Senior Class President.



◆ **Gary Moss** also graduated eighth in the class. Gary participated in sports, Band, Spell Bowl and newspaper.



◆ **Troy Mezera** finished tenth in his class. Troy was a member of sports, Student Council, Hoosier Boys' State and a DARE role model.

Mrs. **Kathy Hooks** scans through test papers to find errors. Mrs. Hooks taught Chemistry I and II and physical science classes.

Students Inspired, Teachers Recognized

It's more than being a class sponsor, coaching, or staying after school to give help to students. It's dedication and hard work.

On Senior Awards Day, one teacher in particular was rewarded for her dedicated teaching and efforts. The Outstanding Teacher Award was presented by Quill and Scroll president **Tabatha Harrison**, junior. The award was presented to Mrs.

Ms. **Terry Watkins** types rapidly into her computer as she works on school projects. Ms. Watkins spent 29 years as a teacher at River Forest. She taught computers in the high school and junior high. She was a Junior Class and Senior Class sponsor. Ms. Watkins also coached girls track.

Kathy Hooks. This was the second year that Quill and Scroll sponsored the honor.

In the spring, River Forest had two teachers retiring from the school corporation. Mr. **Jim Reygaert**, who was a mathematics teacher, taught 28 and one-half years. Ms. **Terry Watkins** taught business classes and served 29 years in the River Forest Community School Corporation.



Mr. Jim Reygaert checks through papers on his desk during his preparation period. Mr. Reygaert was one of two teachers retiring in the spring. Mr. Reygaert taught geometry, Algebra II, trigonometry and pre-calculus.



Time & Again

- ① **Y**ou name it, she sponsors it! Ms. Watkins assists seniors, juniors, Student Council, and the girls track team.
- ② **W**ho said it? "Today we are going to kill two stones with one bird."
- ③ **T**oday a student fell asleep in. Mr. Reygaert's class. He came around with his famous stick to hit their desk.
- ④ **M**r. Reygaert came up with a new term to use while doing your proofs: Googenslagher.
- ⑤ **S**he's spunky! Mrs. Hooks sells Otis Spunkmayer cookies. She sold a total of 12,000 cookies.



Quill and Scroll President Tabatha Harrison, junior, presents the Quill and Scroll Outstanding Teacher award to Mrs. Kathy Hooks during the Senior Awards Day. The Senior Class also recognized Mrs. Hooks at Graduation. The science teacher also coached the Spell Bowl, Decathlon and Super Bowl teams.

Unique

Notable

Quotable

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A common quote from Callena Burns was *Go LD's!* as the junior cheered on the long distance runners.

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"I enjoyed working with the track team this year. We all set goals and met them by the end of the season," said Coach Pamela Garrison.

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"My most memorable moment was going to regional," reflected Harry Manos.

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Freshman Elizabeth Hall finishes running the last leg of the 400-meter relay at the North Judson-Hebron meet.



Senior Stephanie Lyle begins the first lap of the 3200-meter relay. Stephanie was a second year track participant.



Sophomore Harry Manos receives a hand off from teammate Javier Heridia, senior, in the 3200-meter relay. Harry and Javier were chosen as the squad's Co-MVP.



Squad Proves Knack for NAC

Whether running for the tape or tossing for distance, RF track participants strived for a personal best in each competition.

Clinching top honors, the boys squad captured a NAC Conference Championship and finished the season 8-5.

The team's 3200-meter relay team proved their physical and mental toughness by advancing to regional competition. Placing eighth in regional action, the relay team participants included seniors **Javier Heridia**, **Shane Coleman**, **Francisco Hernandez** and sophomore **Harry Manos**.

Looking to the future, the coaching

staff has high expectations for next season. Assistant Coach **Jim Weitzel** expects freshman **Rafael Price** to be a positive contributor in 2000.

The RF Girls Track Team struggled during the season, sharing athletes with spring tennis and softball. Senior **Natalie Cartagena** did advance to the second round of shot-put at the NAC Conference meet.

The Junior High Boys Track Team was undefeated for only the second time in school history. According to Coach **Jim Spencer**, the squad has not posted a perfect season since 1973.

Freshman **Rafael Price** leaps to gain distance in the long jump. Rafael placed first in this long jump event.



Junior **Jon Horn** tosses the shot for distance and team points.

Senior **Kim Skalik** and sophomore **Becky Cisneros** compete in the 100-meter hurdles.

Sophomore Maria Burge cheers on the football team during the victorious Homecoming game against the North Judson Bluejays. Maria led the crowd in a side line cheer.

Jump, Stunt and Tumble

River Forest cheerleaders had a very accomplished season. Along with cheering at boys basketball games, football games and sectionals for the girls basketball team, the squad had time to choreograph a routine for the annual Midwest Cheer and Dance competition.

Last year the cheerleading squad

placed for the first time in competition. This year the group followed their winning path by placing third.

The Ingot cheerleaders were coached by Mrs. Debbie Wallace. Mrs. Wallace was assistant coach the previous year and took the position of head coach in 1998-1999 with Miss Nicole Squires assisting.

Juniors Victoria Wallace, Brooke Ostrander and Samantha Pieschala dance to the song ABC during the Basketball Homecoming pep assembly



Sophomore Christina Burns executes an extension. Responsible for getting her into the air are juniors Samantha Pieschala and Callena Burns.



Senior Jessica DeFord and junior Callena Burns participate in a dance routine during the Basketball Homecoming pep assembly.



The cheerleaders get ready to cheer on the basketball team. The team burst through the sign when they took the floor prior to the game.

Unique

Notable

Quorable

In their word

W "Our biggest squad accomplishment is how much our stunting improved. My individual accomplishment was being awarded MVP," expressed Victoria Wallace.

W "I consider it a great accomplishment that we were the only squad that had a scorpion and aerobesque (stunts) at the annual Midwest Cheer and Dance Competition," said Sarah Saylor.

W "My favorite saying from cheerleading is the word 'irrelevant,'" said Brooke Ostrander.

Making the Shot

Need familiar terrain to improve your swing? The Golf Team's return to Crestmoor Country Club proved to be a positive move for the squad. Coach **Dennis Leonard** indicated that the return to Crestmoor allowed the RF team more accessibility for practice.

In final season sectional action, junior **Paul Arnold** and freshman **Chuckie Roth** were cited by the coach for turning in their best rounds on a very

difficult course.

The coach also recognized freshmen **Brant Heavilin** and **Danny Farthing**. Brant participated in every varsity meet and Danny saw varsity action in one-half of the meets. Coach Leonard explained that the two freshmen had gained valuable experience for next year.

Although inexperienced, Coach Leonard cited the squad's youth as an indication of a bright future.

Junior **Paul Arnold** taps a putt toward the cup. Paul was named the squad's MVP.



Concentrating on producing an even stroke, junior **Frank Caporale** attempts to sink a putt. Frank participated in RF golf for two years.

Junior **Jon Horn** chips out of the rough to get onto the green. Jon was a third year RF golfer.



Freshman **Chuckie Roth** taps the ball into the cup at Crestmoor Country Club. Chuckie was the varsity MIP.



Freshman **Brent Heavilin** focuses on his shot toward the pin. Although only a freshman, Brent gained experience by participating in all the varsity meets.

Unique

Notable

Quorable

"A Swedish girl competing for Oregon Davis played golf against Paul Arnold," said Danny Farthing.

"I enjoyed winning MVP," stated Paul Arnold.

"I also enjoyed the Swedish girl from Oregon Davis," claimed Brant Heavilin.

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Two Titles in Two Years

Spring of '99 proved to be a season to remember for the Girls Tennis Team. Season highlights included capturing another sectional title and tying the school record for the most wins in a season.

Individual accomplishments included advancement to regional action for seniors **Amber Varney** and **Angela Lopez**. In regional action, both players lost 2-3 against players from state-ranked Valparaiso.

"There was a great deal of talent and many things to be proud of with this group," said Coach **Al Detterline**. The coach indicated that the team had

strength in singles competition. He explained that the singles had a tremendous amount of varsity experience.

Squad improvements, according to the coach, surfaced at the end of the season with Number 1 and Number 2 doubles. Senior **Crystal Lightfoot** and junior **Becky Chirch** competed as Number 1 doubles and senior **Lisa Russi** and sophomore **Fernanda Heridia** were the Number 2 doubles team.

JV squad members also progressed during the season. Freshmen **Leann Cicillian** and **Leslie Blankenship** both received Varsity playing time this year.

Number 1 doubles partners senior **Crystal Lightfoot** and junior **Becky Chirch** flip the score indicator after defeating Wheeler in a set. As a team, RF defeated Wheeler 5-0.



Junior **Tracie Mezera**, Number 1 singles, smashes the ball back to her opponent. Tracie was a captain this season and Co-MVP.

Layout, design and reporting by Sarah Seigler

Senior **Angela Lopez** returns the ball to her competition. Angela was Number 3 singles and named Co-MVP.

Serving the ball toward her opponent, senior **Amber Varney** competes in a match against Wheeler. Anuber was team captain.



Unique

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W "My most memorable moment was winning sectional," said Lisa Russi.

W "I will always remember when I beat Detteline for the first time," indicated senior **Angela Lopez**.

W "A common saying was kiss the green stick for good luck," said junior **Becky Chirch**.

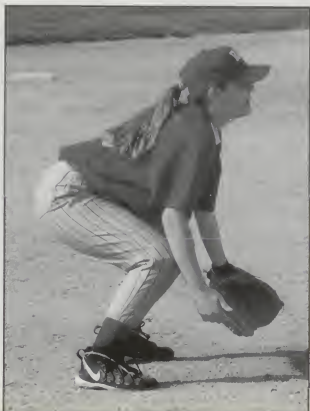
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Freshmen **Beth Persley** and **Heather Roygom**, JV doubles, ready to return a serve.



Sophomore **Tim Lyle** slides into home plate in an attempt to score a run against Hanover Central. This was the centerfielder's second year on the Ingot team.

Third baseman **Suzy Roth**, junior, anticipates a bunt down the third base line. The third-year player led the team in RBI's with 29.



Winding up for a pitch, junior **Brooke Ostrander** attempts to strike out her opponent. Brooke had 132 strikeouts and 73 walks. Brooke pitched every varsity game during the season and was named MVP. During conference, Brooke batted .769 and was All-Conference.

Catcher **Natalie Cartagena**, senior, squeezes the ball in her mitt to tag out the player at home plate. Natalie was a captain, the only senior player on the team and was named All-Conference. After the season was over, Natalie's teammates presented her with a plaque.



First baseman **Kevin Wilson**, senior, stretches to tag out a player who is attempting to steal second base. Kevin participated for two years on the Ingot baseball team.

Batter Up!

What do hard work, dedication and determination all have in common? To be successful on the softball and baseball diamond, a participant must exhibit all of those qualities.

The softball team not only broke the school record for most wins in a season, but they also produced a winning record. The team was coached by second year Head Coach **Jason Quigg**, JV Coach **Joe Bursleson** and Assistant Coach **Ray Ostrander**.

Coach Quigg indicated that the team improved greatly in many areas. The squad made less errors every game, produced a better batting average, and almost tripled their wins from last season.

Coach Quigg

explained that one major improvement was not falling to the ten run rule. Last season, the squad automatically lost seven games when they were behind ten runs at the conclusion of the fifth inning. In the spring, the team lost no games due to the ten run rule; however, they beat six teams by the same rule.

Following the season, the softball players were rewarded with a pizza party at Gelsosamo's for their exceptional efforts. The coaches gave awards, and team captains presented humorous certificates. Team members purchased Star Wars memorabilia and goldfish for Coach Quigg.

RF's baseball team had a rough start at the beginning of the

season. Early, the squad lost three starting players. Coach **Jim Piper** explained, "The boys tried as hard as they could, we just came up short."

A memorable moment during the season was achieved when sophomore **Frank Nuzzo** smashed the game winning hit against Michigan City Marquette in the bottom of the seventh inning.

Another positive aspect was the development of the JV players into better players because they were able to gain some Varsity playing time. Coach **Johnny Gutierrez** said that an umpire commented that in the past three years, despite their record, that the boys improved greatly mentally and physically.

Unique

Notable

Quorable

"Come on, kid! Get a little bingo!" chanted Mr. **Barry Quigg**, Coach Quigg's dad, almost every time an RF player batted.

Johnny Gutierrez stated, "One of our most embarrassing moments was when we were playing a big school and **Eliezer Fontanez** was warning up to pitch. I told him to do a stretch (type of pitch). He turned around and asked **Marc Remus** to stretch his arm back."

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Spring Uniforms



Varsity Golf Team: front row: Danny Farthing, Eddie Stojancevich, David Hall, Danny Munoz; back row: Brant Heavilin, Jon Horn, Josh Vandevender, Paul Arnold and Frank Caporale.

Varsity Golf

Coach

Dennis Leonard

MVP

Paul Arnold

MIP

Chuck Roth

Captain

Paul Arnold

(4-11)

	RF	Opp
Lake Station	215	251
Hobart		140
Lake Station	228	231
Kankakee Valley		169
Wheeler	222	177
Westville	223	227
Hanover	219	180
North Newton		181
Calumet	226	215
Hanover	243	185
Bishop Noll		184
Whiting	240	215
Boone Grove	244	186
Lake Station	244	229



Girls Tennis Teams: front row: Beth Persley, Leslie Blankenship, Heather Rogyom, Taylor Wilson, Becky Church, Fernanda Heridia; back row: Coach Al Deterline, Tracie Mezera, Leann Cicillian, Amber Varney, Crystal Lightfoot, Angela Lopez and Lisa Rissi.

Girls Varsity Tennis

Coach

Al Deterline

MVP's

Angela Lopez

Tracie Mezera

Amber Varney

MIP

Crystal Lightfoot

Captains

Tracie Mezera

Amber Varney

(17-2)

	RF	Opp.
Morton	5	0
Cavit	5	2
Hobart	4	1
Lake Station	4	1
Portage	1	4
East Chicago	5	0
Boone Grove	5	0
Clark	5	0
Whiting	4	1
Wheeler	5	0
Hammond	5	0
Hanover	5	0
Boone Grove	4	1
Calumet	5	2
Griffith	3	2

Aiming for the cup, Brant Heavilin, freshman, chips a shot toward the green.



Senior Amber Varney returns the ball to an opponent in a match against Wheeler. River Forest defeated Wheeler 5-0. Amber was later named Co-MVP.

(2-25)

Varsity Baseball

	RF	Opp.
Munster	1	28
North Newton	6	7
North Newton	1	11
Hobart	0	10
Hammond	3	14
North Judson	5	17
North Judson	5	22
Westville	1	2
Oregon-Davis	4	5
Oregon-Davis	4	9
Marquette	6	5
East Chicago	1	5
Lake Station	4	6
Lake Station	0	6
Kankakee Valley	8	21
Kouts	4	5
Hebron	3	18
Argos	5	8
Argos	15	16
Lew Wallace	15	1
South Central	3	11
South Central	0	11
Hanover	1	11
Gavit	2	10
Morgan	1	8
Wheeler	3	18
Boone Grove	0	15

Coaches

Jim Piper
Johnny Gutierrez

Steve Petri

MVP

Mike Domsic

MIP

Kevin Wilson

Captain

Mike Domsic



Baseball Teams: front row: Matt Roach, Eliezer Fontanez, Frank Nuzzo, Angel Rosado, Jason Perez; row 2: Tim Lyle, Matt Kennedy, Troy Mezera, Miguel Astorga, Jesse Catlin, Ricardo Rodriguez, Marc Remus; row 3: Coach Steve Petri, Derek Chirch, Brian Drwecki, Jared Peters, Ryan Harder, Israel Medina, Annette Plesyk, Coach Jim Piper; back row: Chris Davis, Toni Knies, Kevin Wilson, Mike Domsic, Steven Peek and Coach Johnny Gutierrez.

(14-12)

Varsity Softball

	RF	Opp.
Hebron	6	4
Morgan	0	9
Hobart	0	5
Kankakee Valley	2	6
Lake Station	4	3
West Side	22	0
Washington	11	1
Washington	13	5
Hanover	1	6
Westville	12	5
Morgan	1	6
Wheeler	4	13
Argos	20	9
Argos	20	8
Wirt	25	0
South Central	4	9
Clark	2	1
Whiting	5	9
Marquette	3	5
Calumet	14	3
North Newton	4	3
Gavit	1	6
Westville	9	2
Washington	9	10

Coaches

Jason Quigg
Joe Burleson

Ray Ostrander

MVP

Brooke Ostrander

MIP's

Courtney Krasoczka

Suzy Roth

Captains

Natalie Cartagena

Brooke Ostrander

Courtney Krasoczka



Softball Teams: front row: Malleri Newcomb, Natalie Quinlan, Suzy Roth, Jessica Sutton; row 2: Courtney Krasoczka, Natalie Cartagena, Brooke Ostrander, Toni Kennedy, Ruth Norman; row 3: Christie James, Elizabeth Hall, Jamie Sellers, Annie Kearby; back row: Coach Joe Burleson, Amber Alexander, Ryan Duffy, Andrea Neyhart, Letty Verdusco and Coach Jason Quigg.

Junior Annie Kearby (13) attempts to lay down a bunt during a home game against Hanover. Playing center field, Annie started every game.



Senior Mike Domsic swings through at a home game against West Side. At the end of the season, Mike was named MVP.

Spring Uniforms



Boys Varsity Track Team: front row: Billy Carns, Adam Baker, Jason Perez, Angel Rosado, Steve Zon; row 2: Jason Tschopp, Harry Manos, Javier Heridia, Alex Cisneros, Ricardo Rodriguez; back row: Coach Jack Burton, Frank Caporale, Jon Horn, Rafael Price and Lance Schmidt.



Girls Varsity Track Team: front row: Kristin Gilliana, Pia Squires, Becky Cisneros, Victoria Tschopp, Misty Borens; row 2: Kim Skalik, Jill Loughran, Callena Burns, Toni Kennedy, Natalie Cartagena, Stephanie Lyle; row 3: Malissa Burge, Elizabeth Hall, Patty Gallegos, Annette Piesyk, Sarah, Saylor, Coach Pat McNabb; back row: Coach Lyle Neal, Marialena Dominguez, Crystal Lightfoot, Letty Verduzzo and Coach Pamela Garrison.

Boys Varsity Track

Coaches

Jack Burton

Jim Wietzel

MVP's

Shane Coleman

Javier Heridia

Francisco Hernandez

Harry Manos

MIP

Alex Cisneros

Captain

Javier Heridia

(8-5)

	RF
Lake Station	W
Hanover	L
Oregon-Davis	W
Hebron	L
Morgan	W
Marquette	L
Westville	W
Hobart	W
South Central	L
Hanover	L
Boone Grove	W
Lowell	L
Washington	W

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Girls Varsity Track

Coaches

Pat McNabb

Pamela Garrison

Lyle Neal

MVP

Malissa Burge

MIP

Victoria Tschopp

Captains

Malissa Burge

Kristin Gilliana

(1-11)

	RF
Lake Station	L
Hanover	W
Oregon-Davis	W
Hebron	L
Morgan	L
Washington	W
Marquette	L
Westville	W
South Central	L
Hanover	L
Boone Grove	L
Kankakee Valley	L

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Senior **Javier Heridia** attempts to clear the pole in the high jump. Javier was the squad's Co-MVP and team captain.



Senior **Misty Borens** finishes the 400-meter sprint at the Hebron and North Judson track meet.

Boys Junior High Track

(8-0)

	RF	Opp.
Willowcreek	47	44
Hanover	79	30
Boone Grove	70	30
Lake Station	82	18
Barker	74	35
Krueger	74	36
Elston	74	36
Lake Ridge	75	25

Coaches

Jim Spencer
Kirk Whiting
MVP's
Dustin Coleman
Emmanuel Garibay

Ricky Price

MIP's

Justin Carlson
Tony Rosado

Captains

Justin Carlson
Dustin Coleman
Emmanuel Garibay



Boys Junior High Track Team: front row: Tony Rosado, Carmelo Venegas, Brandon Sutherland, Sam Saalwaechter, Victor Garcia, John Clark, Andy Knies, Mike Hollinger, Justin Carlson, Jeff McNabb; back row: Coach Jim Spencer, Aaron Gutierrez, Emmanuel Garibay, Robby Saylor, Andy Jarvis, Dustin Coleman, James Cruz, Ralph Eller, Ricky Price, Dwayne Durk, Mitch Minarich, Marc Scott, Brandon Jacobs and Justin Horn.

Girls Junior High Track

(0-7)

	RF	Opp.
Washington	L	W
Lake Ridge	L	W
Hanover	L	W
Boone Grove	L	W
Harrison	L	W
Lake Station	L	W
Michigan City	L	W

Coaches

Donna Briggs
Mike Lyons
MVP's
Amanda Alexander
Amber Morris

MIP's

Jennifer Guzman
Tonya Westmoreland

Captain

Amanda Alexander



Girls Junior High Track Team: front row: Vanessa Wally, Jennifer Guzman, Jessica Freeman, Lisa Wallace, Tara Quinlan, Megan Burrell, Jeanine Songer, Amber Morris, Sunni Paceley; back row: Coach Donna Briggs, Becky Wolf, Becky Free, Cassandra Westmoreland, Mary Saalwaechter, Amber Carroll, Amber Alexander, Michelle Joseph, Missy Arnold, Erin Kempinski, Kristina Komenich, Tonya Westmoreland, Tara Camerena, Ashley Ayres and Coach Mike Lyons.



Shane Coleman, senior, soars over a hurdle. Shane was later named Co-MVP.

Attempting to score points for his team, junior Frank Caporale throws the discus in a meet against Hebron and North Judson. Frank placed second in the event.

Time & Again

Senior **Eric Gaskins** plays the drums in the Jazz Band. Eric has been a member of Jazz Band for four years. The group played *America the Beautiful* during the opening ceremony of Multicultural Week.



Dancing for BESO, freshman **Silvia Montes** and sophomore **Angel Rosado** perform at the Multicultural Food Fair. The group also danced for the student body at an assembly earlier in the week.

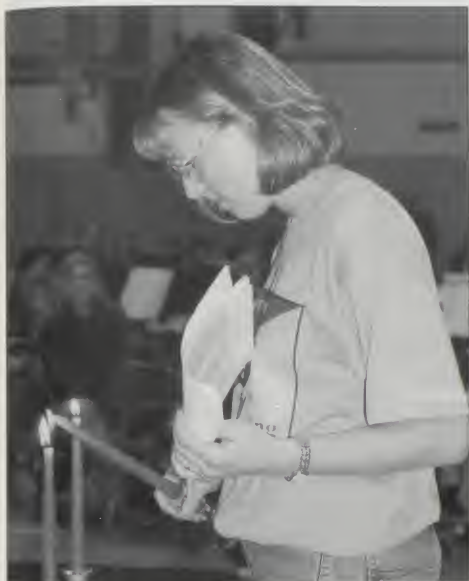


Librarian Mrs. **Peg Hunt** helps Ms. **Ludvina Gonzalez**, Evans Bilingual teacher, during the Multicultural Food Fair. The fair was held from 5 to 8 p.m. on Thursday. Mrs. Hunt and Mr. **Ron Hughes** served as co-chairpersons of the week's events.



- 1 Opening ceremonies begin during second hour on Monday, March 23.
- 2 Band and students play *Canto* and *Emerald Isle* during opening ceremonies.
- 3 Wednesday during fourth and fifth hours, students watch clubs present skits in the multipurpose room.
- 4 Delicious aromas radiate from Thursday evening's food fair.
- 5 Closing ceremonies include an all-school assembly on Friday during third hour.
- 6 During closing ceremonies, students receive awards for their projects related to different cultures.

During the opening ceremony of Multicultural Week, junior **Brooke Ostrander** lights a candle following her speech. Each volunteer from Mr. Ron Hughes' class read a speech relating to the week's theme.



Mr. **Rick Cheek** smiles as his daughter, **Krista Cheek**, drinks a soda at the food fair. Mr. Cheek has been a band director for the past eight years at River Forest.

Letting Freedom Ring

Like the delicate threads that intertwine and create a strong, colorful, tapestry, the rich cultural diversity of RF students were the fabric of the student body at RF. That vibrant diversity was celebrated during Multicultural Week from March 22 to 26.

Let Freedom Ring served as the theme for the week's events, which was co-sponsored by Mr. **Ron Hughes** and Mrs. **Peg Hunt**.

Musical presentations for the week included the Band's selections of *Emerald Isle* during opening ceremonies and *Canto* at the closing ceremonies. Choir members sang *Sakura* and *Cantare* during opening ceremonies and

Siyahamba and *Vive Lamour* during closing ceremonies. Senior **Erica Barrow** performed *Haydn Gypsy Rondo*, an alto saxophone solo, and Jazz Band played *America the Beautiful* at the closing ceremony.

On Wednesday, students viewed Spanish, French and bilingual classes performing skits.

A wide variety of foods from different cultures was sold at the Multicultural Food Fair on Thursday in the high school gymnasium from 5 to 8 p.m.

Awards were presented to students for projects related to different cultures during closing ceremonies on Friday, which was held during third hour.

Catagories & Winners

First Place Winners

Justin Horn
Josh Swanson
Sam Saitlwechter
Jody Soliday
Tommy Flores
Mach Minarich
Tara Quinan
Carmello Venegas
Jovanni Torres
Paul Arnold
Scott Young
Ruth Norman
Joe Nazzo
Eliezer Fontanet
Pauline Bullesteros
Blanca Zepeda
Brianna Gilliana
Nia Jimenez
Harold Herring

James Cruz
Jeff Russell
Lisa Clardy
Jared Peters
Lisa Russi
Maritena Dominguez
Melissa Ballard
Lery Verdusco
Nicole Villagran
Veronica Muniz
Jovanni Torres
Mickey Muniz

Third Place Winners

Brume Gilliana
Brandon Sutherland
Barb Woodie
Victor Garcia
Natalie Carrigena
Tony Kites
Courtney Krasocika
Enrique Zepeda
Tracie Mezera
Rody Cano
Dwayne Durk
April Kearby
Eva Lopez

Second Place Winners

Annie Kearby
Becky Wolfe
Danielle Walker
Kristina Komencich

Going the Extra Mile

You've probably heard of going the extra mile in sports. However, have you ever heard that expression used for learning? Students participating on the academic teams and in the Honor Society went above and beyond the requirements.

Academic team members showed off skills and abilities during the year. The Spell Bowl team demonstrated that all of their practice paid off by placing second in the regional competition.

Motivation and skills helped the Decathlon team get

through their all day competition at Kankakee Valley.

Super Bowl teams received several awards in different divisions in the spring.

Honor Society stood out as an organization that honored students who stood out as leaders among the others. It was a special privilege to be a part of the Honor Society, and 10 new students were added in the spring at a ceremony on March 30.

A few weeks later, Honor Society members traveled to Chicago on a field trip to view the Sears Tower and Water Tower Place.

Junior Lety Verdusco ponders the spelling of a word. Lety participated in Spell Bowl and Super Bowl teams.



Layout, design and reporting by Sara Rossi



Junior **Andy Degman**, senior **Rick Mearse** and junior **Ricky Baron** confer over a question during the science segment of a Super Bowl competition. The science team placed second in the conference meet.



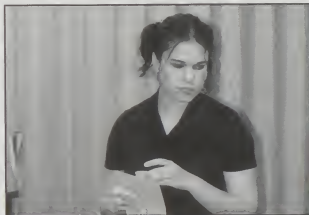
Coach **Kathy Hooks** discusses strategies with Decathlon members about how to improve speeches. She also sponsored the Academic Super Bowl and Spell Bowl.



Senior **Amber Wulitich** circles the correct letter during the English competition at conference Super Bowl. This year the Super Bowl team read plays like *Tartuffe* and *Phaedra*.



Callena Burns, junior, serves punch at the Honor Society induction ceremony. Ten inductees were added as members to the chapter in the spring.



Lisa Russi, senior, samples refreshments at the Honor Society induction ceremony. Lisa served as a society member for three years.

Fascinating Facts

- 1** Honor Society member yells at the cab drivers of Chicago.
- 6** Spell Bowl members teach a lesson to remember on the bus.
- 3** Academic Super Bowl contestants perform toe touches in the cafeteria.
- 14** Honor Society members dissect an octopus.

Sophomore Wendy Paceley serves coffee at the Quill and Scroll Multicultural Food Fair booth. Wendy was a first year Quill and Scroll member.



Sarah Saylor, freshman, receives a photo frame from Miss Francie Blaney during the yearbook awards banquet. The frames were a personal gift to all staffers from the adviser.



Jamie Sellers, sophomore, crops pictures during the yearbook class period. Jamie served as clubs editor for the '99 Ingot.

Junior **Lety Verdusco** completes pages for the final issue of the *Ingot Informer*. Lety was a reporter during the year for the school newspaper.



The Write Stuff

Throughout the year, the newspaper and yearbook staffs were busy working in classes to complete deadlines.

The *Ingot Informer* published eight issues. The staff's adviser was Miss **Danyelle Ware** and the editor was **Becky Chirch**. The publication included 13 staffers.

Yearbook staff

members began the year by traveling to Merrillville High school for the Walsworth fall workshop.

Wendy Paceley served as the 11 member staff editor. **Becky Cisneros**, sophomore, guided the business aspect of the '99 *Ingot*. The groups chose *Distinctively Different* as the theme for this publication.



Becky Chirch, junior, receives an award for participating in newspaper for five years. Becky served as editor of the *Ingot Informer*.

Fascinating Facts

- 1** Newspaper staffer gets his hand stuck in the printer.
- 11** Bottles of water are given to Miss Blaney at the awards banquet.
- 13** Newspaper staffers play Jeopardy in Miss Ware's room.
- 2** Crest books mysteriously disappear from Miss Blaney's desk.
- 6** Yearbook staffers toil beyond the school year.

Ms. Diane Smith leads the choir at Veteran's Day Assembly. Ms. Smith has been the Choir director for two and a half years.

Fascinating Facts

1 Band member wins scholarship for outstanding musical talent.

2 Choir members flirt back and forth and forget what parts they are singing.

5 Choir members were late for class so they could get food. They were not caught often, but Miss Smith knew.

15 Jazz Band members receive superior ratings at Great American Parks Music Festival.

95 Band members lead off as the first band in Chicago's St. Patrick Day Parade.



Senior Lisa Russi stands at attention for the National Anthem.



Sophomore Harry Manos marches at Football Homecoming. The Band performed the National Anthem, Hand Jive and Fiesta Del Toro.

layout, design and reporting by Janice Sellers

Senior Erica Barrow performs a solo at the Jazz Festival. It was River Forest's twenty-first annual Jazz Fest.



Hitting the Right Notes!

Shakespeare wrote, "If music be the food of love, play on..." Band and Choir members had to truly love music to devote so many hours of practice to provide entertainment for students and the community.

The Marching Band began the year with first places in both Lake Station's and Hobart's Fourth of July Parades. They also had an exciting Homecoming halftime show, performing *Fiesta Del Toro* and *Hand Jive*.

Later in the year, the Marching Band participated in the St.

Patrick's Day Parade in Chicago. They were chosen to appear as the first band in the parade.

Through hard work and practice, Jazz Band captured a superior rating at the Great American Parks Music Festival on May 15. After clinching the honor, they spent the rest of the day at Great America Theme Park.

On May 18 the high school and junior high choirs joined with the elementaries for a Spring Thing Concert. The annual Choral Concert was held on May 21.



Senior Tiffany Bowen conducts the National Anthem during Football Homecoming. Tiffany was a field commander for two years.



The High School Choir performs at the Choral Concert. The group presented a memorial plaque at the concert in honor of '98 graduate Krystal Carroll.

Tasting Variety

During the year, French and Spanish Clubs engaged in cultural activities. A special event was preparing foods for the Multicultural Food Fair.

The French Club sold crepes and heart-shape cookies at the Multicultural Food Fair.

The French Club also sold valentines and lolly pops. Leadership for the organization was provided by senior **Gary Moss**, president; senior **Derek Chirch**, vice president; junior **Becky Chirch**, secre-

tary; and senior **Katie Butchko**, treasurer.

Members of Spanish Club held several activities during the year. The group held a can drive for the needy and a cereal drive for battered women.

At the spring Multicultural Food Fair, the organization sold tostadas. Officers for the club included junior **Tracie Mezera**, president; sophomore **Rebecca Cisneros**, vice president; sophomore **Fernanda Heridia**, secretary; and senior **Angela Lopez**, treasurer.



Mrs. **Irma Cuevas**, club sponsor, sets out tostadas to be sold at the Multicultural Food Fair. The Spanish Club sold the food item at the community event.



Senior **Patty Gallegos** tops crepes with strawberries. Filling flavors for the French delicacy also included chocolate.

Topping a French crepe, junior Amber Cicillian applies whipped cream.



Boxes of cereal await distribution to a battered women's shelter. Responding to the need, students donated boxes to the Spanish Club.



Junior Malinda Burge and sophomore Shelly Therault make tostadas for patrons at the Multicultural Food Fair. Funds raised at the event were used for Spanish Club activities.

Fascinating Facts

- 2** French Club members make crepes in shifts at the Multicultural Food Fair.
- 4** French Club members sell Valentines in the gymnasium lobby.
- 6** RF Spanish Club members meet with other Spanish Clubs from West Side, Andean and Griffith.
- 150** Boxes of cereal are donated to Spanish Club for battered women.

Seniors **Lisa Russi** and **Jessica DeFord** recite lines at dress rehearsal. Reviewing script dialogue was performed many times during dress rehearsals for the production.

Drama Club Goes Overboard

In the fall, *Don't Rock the Boat*, a play by Tim Kelly, was performed by Drama Club members. The production took place on November 20 at 7 p.m. in the round. Miss **Diane Smith** was the director of the production. This four act production was based on the play, *The Lagoon*, presented by the Drama Club two years ago.

Don't Rock the Boat was the story of a cruise

ship from the island country of Bamboola. The plot involved a ship, converted from a gunboat, that was retaken by the men from Bamboola. The crew regained their ship by running it into a sand bar.

Commenting on outstanding performances, Miss Smith said, "Kim Skalik, Jennifer Massey, Joel Soto and alumnus Jeremy Gallo showed great acting."



Fascinating Facts

- 1** pack of hair extensions
- 6** wild turkey calls
- 11** cast members throwing pennies
- 20** coconut bras given to the cast members
- 60** chocolate CD's presented by Miss Diane Smith



Jennifer Massey, sophomore, carefully turns seventh grader **Mary Saalwaechter** into a pirate. Jennifer also portrayed a snooty lady in the production.

Cast

Following their lines, seventh graders **Eva Lopez** and **Mary Saalwaechter** take bows. Mary and Eva assumed the roles of pirates in *Don't Rock the Boat*.



Adjusting sound levels, sophomore **Steven Palmer** and senior **Jessica DeFord** test equipment during dress rehearsal. The microphones used in the production were loaned by the high school band.



Eight grader **Sam Saalwaechter** and sophomore **Amanda Palmer** converse on the deck of the "Vengeance." *Don't Rock the Boat* was Amanda's second production at RF.

Arlene Zane, Kim Skalik
Honey Hotchkiss, Erica Mullins
Penny, Lisa Russi
Jan, Jessica Nunez
Brenda, Stephanie McKinney
Maxine, Jessica DeFord
Trixie, Jennifer Perkins
Cody, Joel Soto
Nurse, Alison Patterson
Commodore Withers, Steve Palmer
Mrs. Withers, Jennifer Massey
Victor Bey, Sam Saalwaechter
Miss Buford, Maria Burge
Miss Marshall, Veronica Shaikh
Mr. Crankmeyer, John Schwei
Boris, Cassandra Westmoreland
Douglas, Marco Nunez
Mike, Priscilla Rodriguez
First Old Lady, Sara Russi
Jogger, April Lewis
First Old Passenger, Tara Camarena
Second Passenger, Vanessa Walley
Antonia, Maria Burge
First Pirate, Eva Lopez
Second Pirate, Mary Saalwaechter
First Female Pirate, Tara Quinlan
Second Female Pirate, Danica Luna
Captain Butterworth, Jeremy Gallo

Behind The Scenes

Sound Technician, Erica Barrow
Lights and Spot, Amber Scott
Lights, Christina Stone, Jessica Young, Samantha Whitworth
Ticket Sales, Christina Cuevas
Publicity, Susan Van Vleet, Jessica DeFord
Set Design, William T. Smith
Set Construction, Sonny Osteen, John Schwei, John Soto, Josh Smith, Jennifer Massey
Set Dressing, Kim Skalik, Jennifer Massey

Learning As We Go!

Student government and academics clubs in junior high sponsored a variety of activities during the year.

Members of the Student Council organized most activities in the junior high. Student Council officers were **Kristina Komenich**, president; **Melissa Arnold**, vice president; and **Angel Erwin**, secretary.

Academic teams practiced intensely during Spell Bowl and Super Bowl. Once

again, Mrs. Sally Weitzel and Mrs. **Laura Johnson** were in charge of the teams.

The Gold Club also played an important role in making the junior high more involved. The Gold Club consisted of students who achieved honor roll status. As a reward, they received special privileges that the other students didn't. During the year, the organization traveled to Immans entertainment center and several times received McDonald's.

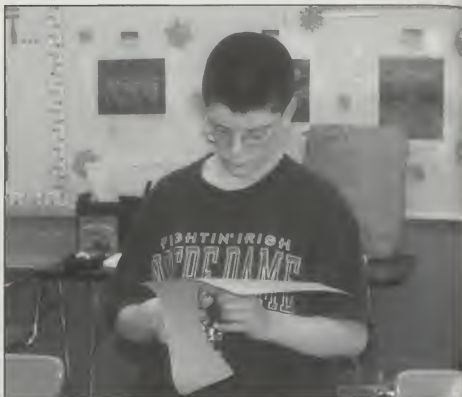
Amber Carroll, eighth grader, carefully selects an answer on a practice quiz during academic practice. Amber participated in the English section of the competition.



Eighth graders **Jennifer Perkins** and **Crystal Salzer** run the Candy Around the World table at the Multicultural Food Fair. The game was sponsored by the junior high Student Council.

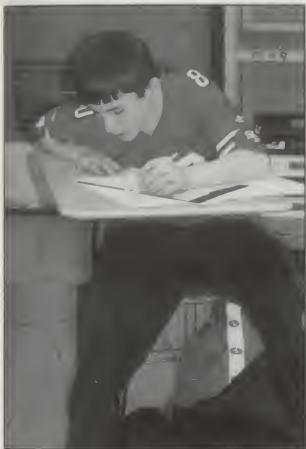


Zachery Heridia, seventh grader, cuts through construction paper for Student Council. Zachery made projects for the activity sponsored by the junior high Student Council.





Mrs. Sally Weitzel quizzes students during academic Super Bowl practice. Mrs. Weitzel was also a Student Council sponsor.



Seventh Grader Victor Garcia reads through his packet of short stories. It was Victor's first year of participation on the academic team.



Angel Ewrin, seventh grader, assists at the food table at the junior high Halloween Dance. The students worked in shifts at the activity.

Fascinating Facts

- 3** Academic Super Bowl members drool on their way to the competition.
- 11** Drinks spill on tables in the multi-purpose room.
- 10** Students make decorations for the Valentine's Dance.
- 6** Gold Club members become lost at Inmans.

Groups



High School Honor Society: front row: Callena Burns, Derek Chirch, Kristin Gilliana, Becky Chirch, Lisa Russi; row 2: Rick Baron, Amber Wultich, Jessica Sutton, Tracie Mezera; back row: Paul Arnold, Andrew Degman, Kevin Wilson and Gary Moss.



Junior High Honor Society: front row: Beauane Galluna, Rachael Guerrero, Sonni Paely, Rachel McKinney, Michele Harper, Amber Carroll, Elizabeth Waters, Enid Munoz; row 2: Candi Patterson, Jeanne Songer, Tonya Westmoreland, Ashley Ayres, Melissa Arnold, Mike Doffin, Tammy Patterson, Amber Scott; back row: Kristina Komenich, Robert Ordway, Dustin Coleman, Justin Horn, Rebecca Blackwell, Aaron Guierrez, Rebecca Blackwell, Cassandra Westmoreland and Joshua Hakomb.



High School Student Council: front row: Jessica Sutton, Kristin Gilliana, Derek Chirch, Becky Chirch, Courtney Krasacka, Victoria Wallace; row 2: Ginny Nord, Amber Wultich, Amanda Harris, Frank Nuzzo, Katherine Komenich, Leann Caciilan, Jamie Sellers; back row: Crystal Lightfoot, Rafael Price, Amanda Aterbury and Susan VanVleet.



Junior High School Student Council: front row: Melissa Arnold, Erin Kempksi, Kristen Komenich, Angel Erwin, Zachery Heridia, Christopher Johns; back row: Mrs. Sally Weitzel, Amber Scott, Sam Saalwaechter, Vanessa Gildersleeve, Crystal Salzer and Mrs. Diane Chary.

High School Honor Society

Sponsor
Kathy Hooks
President
Kristin Gilliana
Vice President
Derek Chirch
Secretary
Callena Burns
Treasurer
Kevin Wilson

Junior High Honor Society

Sponsor
MaryAnn Barkalow
President
Michele Harper
Vice President
Dustin Coleman
Secretary
Tonya Westmoreland

High School Student Council

Sponsor
Pat McNabb

Junior High Student Council

Sponsor
Diane Chary
Sally Weitzel
President
Kristina Komenich
Vice President
Melissa Arnold
Secretary
Angel Erwin

Spanish Club

Sponsor

Irma Cuevas

President

Tracy Mezera

Vice President

Rebecca Cisneros

Secretary

Fernanda Heredia

Treasurer

Angela Lopez



Spanish Club: front row: Myriam Fontanez, Natalie Quinlin, Becky Cisneros, Noemi Fontanez; back row: Amanda Harris, Heather Rogyom, Katherine Komenich, Sal Montez, Angela Lopez, Malinda Burge and Ricardo Rodriguez.

French Club

Sponsor

Danyelle Ware

President

Gary Moss

Vice President

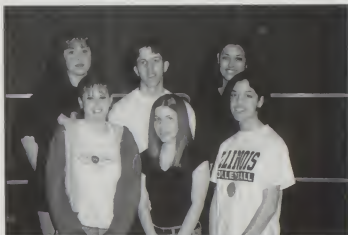
Derek Church

Secretary

Becky Church

Treasurer

Katie Butchko



French Club: front row: Melissa Luellman, Becky Chirch, Angela Lopez; back row: Katie Butchko, Derek Chirch and Patty Gallegos.

BESO

Sponsor

Martza Medina

Nancy Otno



BESO: front row: Ms. Martza Medina, Jessica Nunez, Rachael Guerrero, Evelyn Verdugo, Rachel Kurek, Miss Nancy Otno; back row: Tom Rosado, Enrique Zepeda, Angel Rosado, Steven Thompson and Ricardo Rodriguez.

Quill and Scroll Society

Sponsor

Francie Blaney

President

Tabatha Harrison



Quill and Scroll Society: front row: Becky Cisneros, Tabatha Harrison; back row: Miss Francie Blaney, Wendy Paceley and Ruth Norman.

Groups



Spell Bowl Team: front row: Patty Gallegos, Sarah Saylor, Lisa Russi, Amber Wultich, Sara Russi; back row: Ricky Baron, Wendy Pacey, Leticia Verduzco, Danny Munoz and Ruth Norman.



Decathlon Team: front row: Lisa Russi, Patty Gallegos, Kristin Gilliana; back row: Sarah Saylor, Paul Arnold and Danny Munoz.



Super Bowl Team: front row: Sarah Saylor, Lisa Russi, Patty Gallegos, Kristin Gilliana; back row: Amber Wultich, Danny Munoz, Andrew Degman and Paul Arnold.

Spell Bowl

Coaches

Kathy Hooks
Jim Weitzel
Lyle Neal

Decathlon

Coaches

Kathy Hooks
Jim Weitzel
Lyle Neal
Jason Quigg
Tim Gault

Super Bowl

Coaches

Kathy Hooks
Jim Weitzel
Lyle Neal
Jason Quigg
Tim Gault

Junior High Academic Team

Coach

Sally Weitzel



Junior High Academic Team: front row: Chris Graun, Amber Carroll, Zachery Heridia, Andy Knies, Victor Garcia; back row: Mrs. Sally Weitzel, Enid Munoz, Melissa Arnold, Kristina Komenich and Eric Deemer.

Drama Club

Director

Diane Smith



Drama Club: front row: Amber Scott, Lisa Russi, Erica Mullins, Maria Burge, Jessica Nunez, Sara Russi, Jennifer Massey; row 2: Tara Quinlan, Samantha Whitworth, Veronica Shaikh, Tara Camarena, Vanessa Walley, Jennifer Perkins, Amanda Palmer; back row: Priscilla Rodriguez, Cassandra Westmoreland, Marco Nunez, Steven Palmer and Alison Patterson.

Newspaper

Adviser

Danyelle Ware

Editor

Becky Chirch

Assistant Editor

Erica Barrow



Newspaper Staff: front row: Derek Chirch, Steven Palmer, Tiffany Szparaga, Becky Chirch, Melissa Luellman, Crystal Lightfoot; back row: Tony Knies, Leticia Verduzco, Salvador Montes, Erica Barrow, Angela Lopez, J.R. Butchko and Derek Carter.

Yearbook

Adviser

Francie Blaney

Editor

Wendy Paceyley

Business Manager

Rebecca Cisneros



Yearbook Staff: front row: Janie Sellers, Wendy Paceyley, Tabatha Harrison, Sara Russi, Sarah Saylor; back row: Miss Francie Blaney, Amanda Atterbury, Becky Cisneros, Vikki Wallace, Courtney Krasoczka, Tiffany Bowen and Ruth Norman.

Groups



Beginning Band: front row: Tonya Westmoreland, Christina Collazo, Michelle Joseph, Amber Morris, Nicole Reed, Tabatha Westmoreland; row 2: Erin Kempfski, April Wilson, Rachel McKinney, Sharonne Haley, Veronica Shaikh, Jessica Freeman; back row: Vanessa Gildersleeve, Tillie Smith, Crystal Salzer, Danielle Kempfski, Jennifer Wiggins, Amber Cottrell and Elizabeth Waters.



Beginning Band: front row: Michelle Harper, Mary Saalwaechter, Vanessa Walley, Jody Soliday, Pamela Ivey, Eva Lopez, Lauren Camp; row 2: Josh Elea, Ricardo Price, Dwayne Durk, Tara Camarena, Nick Roach, Carlos Richards; back row: Marc Scott, Danielle Walker, Steven Clifford, Michael Adams, Robert Ordway, Richard Evans and John Clark.



Beginning Band: front row: Harold Herring, Mike Santmyre, Dustin Zon, Andy Knies; row 2: Tammy Vaughan, Amber Gualandi, Jake Paradine, Becky DeGroot, Josh Soliday; back row: Victor Garcia, Jessie Poe, Robbie Saylor, Travis Tillberry, Dustin Coleman, Adam Goodman and Priscilla Rodriguez.

Beginning Band

Directors
Welton Slater
Rick Cheek



Eighth grader **Andres Verduzco** plays his trumpet during the spring Jazz Fest. Andres played for the B-Jazz, a group for junior high students.

Intermediate Band

Director
Rick Cheek



Intermediate Band: front row: Megan Buttrill, Amber Morris, Cassandra Westmoreland, row 2: Holly Westmoreland, Amanda Hollinger, Barbara Woodke, Ashley Ayres, Vanesa Contreras, Basil Gardner, Jennifer Perkins, Amber Carroll; row 3: Bernard Jansen, Rebekah Frey, Samantha Pieschula, Daniel Fontanez, Michael Dollin, Andres Verdugo, Emil Munoz, Ryan Nimer; back row: Joseph Walters, James Cruz, Anton Contreras, Billy Shuckie, Ralph Eller, Sam Saubachter, Joshua Hakomih, Justin Horn, Sarah Saylor and Rudy Sanchez

Junior High Choir

Director
Diane Smith



Junior High Choir: front row: Dany Contreras, John Hartman, Jakala Goodman, Evelyn Valeruela, Trina Broderick, Jose Torres, Jeff Russell, Maxwell Rodriguez, Danielle Escalante, Tracey Espinoza, Jill Gonzalez; row 2: Kimberly Kellar, Cand Patterson, Tammy Patterson, James Croy, Josh Lewis, Zachery Heredia, Stephanie DeVault, Christina Stone, Stephanie Lockheart, Deanna Mullins; back row: Miss Diane Smith, Jessica Costello, Elizabeth Turner, April Orta, Becca Blackwell, Angela Hollinger, Jennifer Guzman, April Ard and Ms. Jeanne Kapciuk

High School Choir

Director
Diane Smith
President
Erica Mullins
Vice President
George Mendez
Secretary
Candice Ramos



High School Choir: front row: Miss Diane Smith, Nichole Davis, Anaisa Palmer, Marie Evans, Tiffany Ingram, Laurie Nafis, Amanda Gifford, Erica Mullins, Ms. Jeanne Kapciuk; row 2: Amy Kvater, Theresa Neely, Carolyn Hartman, Ren Pruitt, Josh Smith, Keith Lindahl, Tammy Flowers, Pauline Melhorn; back row: Angela Cavallo, Theresa Larsen, Heather Aguilar, Amanda Crouson, John England, George Mendez, Josh Vandevender, Stephanie McKinney, Candice Ramos and Betty Yzaguirre

Groups



High School Band: front row: Sara Russi, Angelique Wilson, Anette Plesyk, Sarah Saylor, Susan Roth, Samantha Pieschule, Jenna Claxton; row 2: Wendy Paceley, Matthew Doffin, Tabatha Harrison, Amber Alexander, Brooke Ostrander, Callena Burns, Christa Serles, Stephanie Lyle, Richard Baron; back row: Adrians Teller Jamie Sellers, Natalie Quinlan, Tiffany Bowen, Katherine Koneuch, Leticia Verdugo, Cassandra Pazdur, Ruth Norman, Andrea Neyhart, Amber Cicilian, Jessica Sutton and Laurie Nafus.



High School Band: front row: Alison Patterson, Candy Robinson, Fernanda Heridia, Malissa Burge, Joseph Nuzzo, Erica Barrow, Courtney Krasoczka, Elizabeth Hall, Jorge Renteria; row 2: Matt Roach, Eddie Cartagena, Christopher Melendez, Michael Minerich, Cynthia DeGroot; back row: Harry Manos, Daniel Farthing, Harold Therault, Jason Saklak, Steven Thompson, Timothy Lyle, Christopher Davis and Angel Muniz.



High School Band: front row: Natalie Cartagena, Elicia DeValle, Javier Heridia, Roger Knopp; row 2: Jason Perez, Jesse Catlin, Gary Moss, Angel Rosado, Adam Bakery; back row: Leann Cicilian, Larry Swarts, Eric Gaskins, Daniel Munoz, Marialena Dominguez and Lolita Christopher.

High School Band

Directors

Weldon Slater
Rick Cheek

President

Erica Barrow

Vice President

Tiffany Bowen

Secretary/Treasurer

Jamie Sellers

Field Commanders

Tiffany Bowen

Ruth Norman

Jamie Sellers



Sophomores **Anivalr Medina** and **Jason Perez** parade through the hallways before the football Homecoming pep assembly. The band played *Go Big Gold* as they led the classes to the gymnasium.

Pep Band

Student Directors

Leticia Verdugo

Richard Baron



Pep Band: front row: Erica Barrow, Tabatha Harrison, Malissa Burge, Wendy Pacey, Christa Serles, Ruth Norman; row 2: Stephanie Lyle, Richard Baron, Leticia Verdugo, Christopher Melendez, Joseph Nuzzo, Candy Robinson; back row: Roger Knopp, Jason Perez, Jason Saklak, Eric Gaskins, Gary Moss, Matthew Doffin and Harold Therault.

Jazz Band

Director

Rick Check



Jazz Band: front row: Tiffany Bowen, Jorge Renteria; row 2: Candy Robinson, Daniel Munoz, Eric Gaskins, Daniel Farthing, Joseph Nuzzo, Erica Barrow; row 3: Justin Wallace, Steven Thompson, Harry Manos, Jason Saklak; back row: Anivalr Medina, Jason Perez, Roger Knopp, Michael Minarich, Edward Stojancevich and Elijah Gregory.

Auxiliary Corps

Sponsor

Judy Wheeler

Rifle Captain

Kristen Gilliana

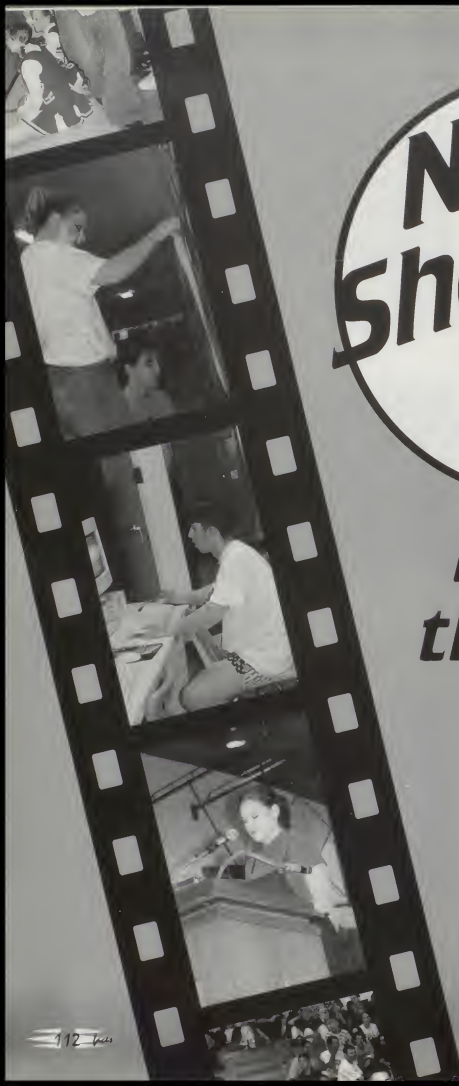
Flag Captains

Lisa Russi

Andrea Neyhart



Auxiliary Corps: front row: Lisa Russi, Patty Gallegos, Annette Sanchez, Kristin Gilliana, Natalie Quinlan; row 2: Susan Roth, Melissa Ballard, Amber Cicilian, Malinda Burge, Elia DeValle, Rebecca Cisneros, Toni Kennedy; row 3: Amber Gualandi, Sara Russi, Andrea Neyhart, Melissa Crum, Katherine Komenich, Lolita Christopher, Leann Cicilian, Heather Rogoyon and Jessica Nunez.



NOW Showing *Senior Credits*

Let's Roll the Credits

After four years, the reviews were finally in! Participation in activities and sports enhanced the total high school experience for seniors. Many students found it advantageous to make high school more than just classroom participation. Those students endured the hours of practice or planning to

provide a social atmosphere to school.

In December seniors were asked to review and total up their participation by submitting a senior credit list for publication.

Readers should now sit back and watch as the credits roll on senior accomplishments.

A

Mandi Attebury:
Honor Society 3,4;
Student Council 4;
Yearbook Staff 4; and
Cheerleader 1,2,3.

B

Melissa Bagley:
Student Council 4;
Drama Club 2,3;
Marching Band
1,2,3,4; Pep Band
2,3,4; Jazz Band 4;
Newspaper Staff 4;
Softball 1,2,3,4; and
Class Treasurer 1.
Erica Barrow: Drama
Club 2,3,4; Marching
Band 1,2,3,4; president
1; Pep Band 1,2,3,4;
Jazz Band 2,3,4;
Spring Musical Revue
3; and Newspaper Staff
3,4.

Misty Borens: French
Club 2,3,4; and Girls
Track 3,4.

Tiffany Bowen: March-
ing Band 1,2,3,4; vice
president 4; Pep Band
1,2,3; Jazz Band 3,4;
Yearbook Staff 4;
Cheerleader 1,2; and
French Club 2,3.
Katie Butchko: Student
Council 1; Yearbook
Staff 1,2; Cheerleader
1,2,3; French Club
2,3,4; treasurer 4; and
Social Studies Club 3,
vice president 3.

C

Natalie Cartagena:

Student Council 4;
Marching Band
1,2,3,4; Spanish Club
3; vice president 3;
Volleyball 1,2,3,4;
Girls Basketball
1,2,3,4; and Softball
2,3,4.
Maria Concepcion:
Marching Band 1,2;
Choir 2; Spanish Club
1,2,3; Girls Basketball
1; and Football Home-
coming Queen Court
1.

F

David Fontanez:
Football 1,3; Boys
Basketball 1,2; and
Baseball 2,3,4.
Eliu Fontanez: Spell
Bowl 1,2,3,4; Marching
Band 1; Jazz Band 1,2;
Football 3,4; Boys
Basketball 1,2; Boys
Track 1; and Bench
Press Contest 3.

G

Patricia Gallegos: Spell
Bowl 3,4; Academic
Decathlon 3,4; Super
Bowl 3,4; Marching
Band 1,2,3; Jazz Band
1; Auxiliary Corps 3,4;
French Club 2,3,4; and
Girls Tennis 4.
Eric Gaskins: March-
ing Band 1,2,3,4; Pep
Band 1,2,3,4; and Jazz
Band 2,3,4.
Kristin Gilliana:
Honor Society 2,3,4,
treasurer 3; president

4; Spell Bowl 3;
Academic Decathlon
3,4; Super Bowl 3,4;
Student Council
1,2,3,4; Marching Band
1,2; Auxiliary Corps
1,2,3,4; Spanish Club
1,2,3; treasurer 3; Girls
Cross Country 3,4;
Volleyball 1,2; Girls
Tennis 1; Girls Track
1,2,3,4; Football
Homecoming Queen 4;
Football Homecoming
Queen Court 3; Class
Vice President 3; and
Class Treasurer 2.
Damaris Ginorio:
Drama Club 2; March-
ing Band 1,2 and
Choir 1,2.

H

Amanda Harris:
Student Council 4,
secretary 4; Newspaper
Staff 1; Spanish Club 4;
Girls Tennis 1; Girls
Basketball 1,2,3; Girls
Track 1,2; and Class
Secretary 4.
Javier Heridia: March-
ing Band 1,2,3,4;
Football 2; Boys Tennis
3,4; Boys Basketball
1,2,3,4; Boys Track
1,2,3,4; and Bench
Press Contest 3.

K

Jennifer Kindler:
Marching Band 1 and
Softball 1.

L

Crystal Lightfoot:

Student Council 4;
Newspaper 4; Volley-
ball 1,2,3,4; Girls
Tennis 1,2,3,4; Girls
Basketball 1,2,4;
Football Homecoming
Queen Court 1,4; and
Class Treasurer 4.
Melissa Luellman:
Newspaper 2,3,4 and
Newspaper 4.
Stephanie Lyle:
Marching Band 4; Pep
Band 4; Cheerleader 2;
French Club 2,3,4; and
Girls Track 3,4.

M

Rick Mearse: Spell
Bowl 4; Academic
Decathlon 4; Super
Bowl 4; and Social
Studies Club 3.
Heidy Mills: Marching
Band 1,2,3,4; Pep Band
2,3,4; Jazz Band 3,4;
and Soft Ball 2,3,4.

P

Mike Persley: Wres-
tling 3.
Jered Peters: Boys
Basketball 1 and
Baseball 1,2,4.
Yolanda Puentes:
Drama Club 2,3,4;
Choir 2,3; vice presi-
dent 4; Spring Musical
Revue 2,3; Spanish
Club 1,2; and Girls
Tennis 1.

R

Gene Rodriguez:

Bench Press Contest 2.

S

Jason Sakdak: Marching
Band 1,2,3,4; Pep Band
1,2,3,4; and Jazz Band
2,3,4.
Kim Skalik: Drama
Club 2,3,4; Girls Cross
Country 1,2; and Girls
Track 2,3,4.

V

Susan Van Vleet:
Student Council 4 and
Choir 1,3.
Amber Varney: News-
paper Staff 1; Volleyball
1,2,3,4; Girls Tennis
2,3,4; Girls Basketball
1,2,3,4 and Football
Homecoming Queen
Court 1,2,3,4.

W

Kevin Wilson: Honor
Society 2,3,4; Student
Council 1,2,3,4; vice
president 1,2,3; Foot-
ball 1,2,4; Boys Basket-
ball 1,2,3,4; Boys Track
1,2; Baseball 1,3,4; and
Class Vice President
1,2,3.
Amber Wulitich:
Honor Society 2,3,4;
Spell Bowl 2,3,4;
Academic Decathlon
2,3; Super Bowl 2,3,4;
Student Council 4;
French Club 2,3,4;
Football Homecoming
Queen Court 4; Class
Secretary 3; and Girls
State 3.

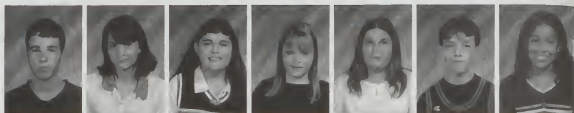


Seniors gather in Mrs. Pat McNabb's room to paint spirit posters. The class engaged in several spirit activities for Homecoming.

Helping spirits to rise high, senior Erica Barrow secures balloons to the ceiling for Football Homecoming

Seventh

Loren Allen
April Ard
Pauline Ballesteros
Trina Broderick
Lauren Camp
Nicholas Clay
Christina Collazo



Jessica Costello
Amber Cottrell
James Croy
Danielle DeLaRosa
Eric Deemer
Joan Emerson
Angel Erwin



Richard Evans
Jessica Freeman
Victor Garcia
Jorge Gonzalez
Jeffrey Goodman
Christopher Graun
Anthony Gualandi



Joseph Gualandi
Jennifer Guzman
Zachery Heridia
Lupe Hernandez
Harold Herring
Angela Hollinger
Mike Hollinger



Pamela Ivey
Andy Jarvis
Christopher Johns
Michelle Joseph
April Kearby
Danielle Kempksi
Andrew Knies



Eva Lopez
Jason Lozanovski
Danica Luna
Alfonso Martinez
Timothy Mason
Jeffrey McNabb
Nathan McPike



Travis Meeks
Paul Meentemeyer
Mitchell Minarich
Amber Morris
Michelle Muniz
Veronica Muniz
Melody Myers





Jake Paradine
Michael Podgorski



Ricardo Price
Tara Quinlan
Carlos Richard
Nicholas Roach
Maxwell Rodriguez
Priscilla Rodriguez
Amy Ross

Jeffrey Russell
Mary Saalwaechter
Mike Santmyre
Bryan Savickas
Shannon Shultz
Tillie Smith
Jody Soliday

Joshua Soliday
Erica Soto
Brandon Sutherland
Dustin Swisher
Travis Tillberry
Elizabeth Turney
Isaiah Valenzuela

Carmelo Venegas
Nicole Villagran
Danielle Walker
Lisa Wallace
Tabatha Westmoreland
Jennifer Wiggins
Jessica Young

New School, Classes, Higher Expectations

After being accustomed to one main class and one main teacher per day, the seventh graders entered the junior high faced with seven individual classes.

After the week, the seventh graders learned that they were young adults. They learned to take responsibility by being in charge of their

own work and activities.

Dances were a well known activity for the seventh graders. Throughout the year, a number of dances were held in which they were able to attend.

As the school year concluded, the seventh graders adjusted and found their place in the junior high structure.



Seventh grader **Eva Lopez** works on a pillow in home economics class. The course is one of four classes that the seventh graders were required to complete.

**Uncommon
Comments**

0%

63 polled

Q Do you plan to attend college?

Yes 90% No 10%

Q Do you plan to participate in sports next year?

Yes 83% No 17%

Q Is junior high harder than you expected?

Yes 13% No 87%

Eighth

Achieving the Most!

Getting the most out of junior high was a priority for eighth graders. It was a time to enjoy the perks of being the top grade in junior high and to prepare for the future in high school.

Preparing for the future included completing I-STEP tests and making out applications for the Century 2000 program. The scholarships are awarded every year to deserving eighth

graders.

Throughout the school year, the eighth graders held dances sponsored by the Student Council and other clubs or groups. The Christmas Dance was held during school hours and was sponsored by the junior high cheerleaders.

At the close of the year, the eighth graders participated in an award ceremony to honor students at an all-school assembly.

Joshua Halcomb, eighth grader, takes time out of coloring to write his name on his snowman project for sixth hour English. The project was a winter activity to be displayed in the room.

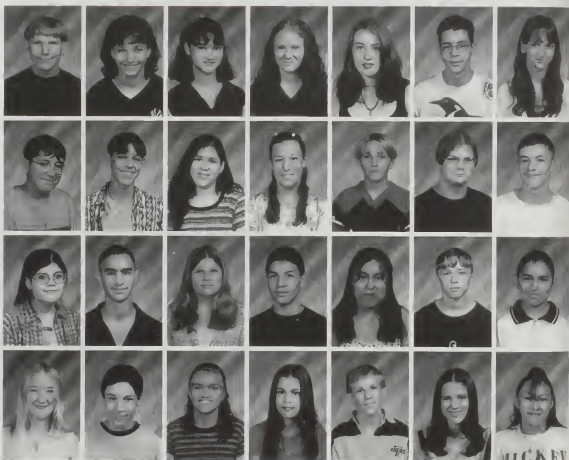


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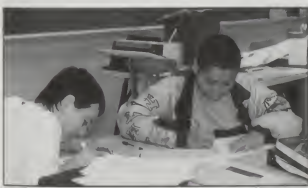
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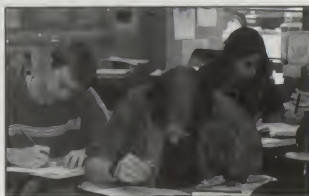
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Evelina Verduzco
Vanessa Walley
Elizabeth Waters
Cassandra Westmoreland
Tonya Westmoreland
Rebecca Wolfe
Barbara Woodke



Eighth graders Jason Gutierrez and Ryne Nunez use laptop processors in English class to write stories to read to children at the ABC Bible School. Students used the processors to help complete their projects during sixth hour.



Eighth graders Michael Adams and Bernard Jansen steadily works in sixth hour history on an assignment. The assignment involves the American Revolution.

Uncommon Comments

0%

78 polled

Q Have you decided
on a future career?

Yes 77% No 23%

Q Do you plan to
attend college?

Yes 94% No 6%

eighth graders 11

Freshmen

Sylvia Montes, freshman, takes the field as a representative to the Homecoming Court with her escort Roger Mosqueda, freshman.

Seeking a Way to the Beginning

The Freshman Class began the year with high expectations. Being at the bottom of the high school was a big adjustment to make after being the leaders of the junior high school.

The freshmen class did a great job of proving they could live up to their expectations by winning float

competition during Football Spirit Week.

The freshmen had to deal with new surroundings, new people and new procedures.

Officers representing the class were President **Leann Cicillian**, Vice President **Sal Montes** and Secretary/Treasurer **Kara Komenich**.

Beth Persley and Theresa Ivey, freshmen, talk while enjoying a meal they prepared in Mrs. Pat Sisk's foods class.



Heather Aguilar
Kendra Antle
Melissa Ballard
Teofilo Barraza
Leslie Blankenship
Christopher Breese
Shawn Broderick



Amanda Burke
J.R. Butchko
Angela Calvillo
Jesus Cano
Leann Cicillian
Jonna Claxton
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Nicole Davis
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Ryan Duffy



Veronica Espinoza
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Daniel Farthing
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Joseph Feliciano
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Alisha Gallardo
Hope Green
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Stacey Gumm

Justin Guzman
Elizabeth Hall
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Brant Heavilin
Ray Hernandez
Georgia Hoosier

Ray Hopper
Theresa Ivey
Christie James
Stephanie Kalberer
Jason Kalins
Michael Keller
Toni Kennedy

Roger Knopp
Lindsey Kolosci
Katherine Komenich
Patrick Lewis
Keith Lindahl
Matthew Lopez
Paul Lopez

Uncommon Comments

%

87 polled

Q Have you participated in any clubs?

Yes 24% No 74%

Q Do you know how you'll pay for college?

Yes 54% No 39%



Students in Mrs. Natalie Keller's sixth hour English class listen attentively and take notes during a lesson.

Staying Organized? It's the Key!

Victoria Tschopp, freshman, strives to reach the finishing point in her cross country meet against Whiting. The Ingots were victorious in the meet.



William Lowe
Jesus Martinez
Michael Mason
Jami Meece
Cristopher Melendez
Paullete Melhorn
Michael Minarich



Jeffrey Mitchell
Salvador Montes
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Amber Myers
Stephanie Neely
Malleri Newcomb



Joseph Nuzzo
Amanda Oldfield
Nicole Pardo
Matthew Paul
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Kimberly Reder
Nathan Rivera
Ricardo Rodriguez
Zoe Rodriguez





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George Stanley
Sean Steele
Edward Stojancevich
Larry Swarts
Shannon Thomas
Desiree Torres

Joel Torres
Jose Torres
Leann Torres
Victoria Tschopp
Brian Westmoreland
Holly Westmoreland
Katrina Whitworth

David Wilson
Erica Wilson
Marja Wilson
Taylor Wilson
Betty Yzaguirre
Cristina Zepeda
Enrique Zepeda



Freshman Sylvia Montes warms up her serve before playing the Marquette Blazers.

Charles Roth, freshman, chooses a piece of pie from the desert table in his foods class. Throughout the year, students were able to enjoy many types of meals.

Uncommon Comments

%

87 polled

Q Do you plan to attend college?

Yes 90% No 9%

Q Do you plan to participate in sports during high school?

Yes 70% No 30%

Sophomores

Leslie Turner, sophomore, sits comfortably in her pajamas during Mr. Tim Gault's earth science class. Leslie is dressed for Spirit Week Pajama Day.

Toiling Under Test Pressures

The year was an exciting one for the sophomores. The days were filled with both activities and test taking. The sophomores were assisted by their class sponsor Mr. **Jim Weitzel**, and were able to place third in the Football Spirit Week competition.

Leading the Sophomore Class were **Jamie Sellers**, president; **Courtney Krasoczka**, vice presi-

dent; **Steve Zon**, treasurer; and **Frank Nuzzo**, secretary.

The sophomores were also faced with two exams. The first was the ISTEP+ test, which the sophomores were required to pass in order to graduate. The PSAT was also taken by some sophomores. Although the PSAT was optional and not required, many of the sophomores decided to attempt it.



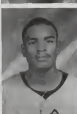
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David Gilarski
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Amanda Herrera
Johnathan Ivey
Melissa Johnston

Nicole Joseph
Amanda Kawohl
David Kelley
Courtney Krasoczka
April Lewis
Jill Loughran
William Loving



Sophomores Marielena Dominguez and Noemi Fontanez flip through a book during their lunch period. They were both dressed tacky for Football Homecoming Spirit Week.

Uncommon Comments %

76 polled

Q Do you plan to attend college?

Yes 85% No 15%

Q Have you chosen an occupation for the future?

Yes 72% No 25%

Q Do you have your driver's license?

Yes 10% No 90%

Sophomores I-STEP Lightly in the Fall



Sophomore Jason Perez performs at halftime during Football Homecoming.

Timothy Lyle
Harry Manos
Sandra Manzo
Jennifer Massey
Kymberlee McKinney
Stephanie McKinney
Robert Milchak



Georgia Mitchell
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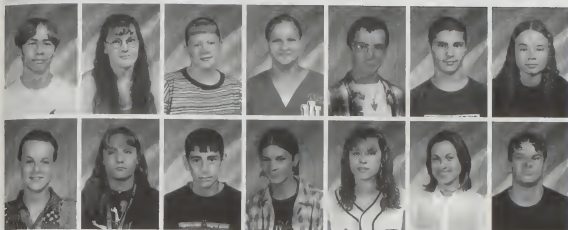


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Sara Russi
Matilda Sanchez
Jamie Sellers
Logan Silich





Matthew Sobel
Joel Soto



Timothy Stone
Gail Stover
Jennifer Teel
Shelly Therault
Jason Tschopp
Curtis Tuley
Leslie Turner

Daniel Vandevender
Tammy Vaughan
Ramon Verduzco
Justin Wallace
Sarah Woodruff
Aisha Wright
Steve Zon



Matt Roach, sophomore,
assists his class by cutting
paper for Homecoming.
The sophomores came in
third place for hall
decorations.

Angel Rosado, sophomore,
hits a tennis ball or two
after school. Tennis was one
of the many sports in which
Angel was involved.

Sophomore Billy Carns
waits patiently as he
participates in "The Oprah
Wimpy Show" in Miss
Francie Blaney's fourth
hour class. "The Oprah
Wimpy Show" was a
prewriting activity con-
ducted for an investigative
essay unit.

Juniors

Spare a Dime for the Cause?

Much changed for the Class of 2000. They tackled some difficult tasks during the year.

Under the leadership of President **Becky Church**, Vice President **Eddie Cartagena**, Secretary **Victoria Wallace**, and Treasurer **Jessica Sutton**, the juniors held fund raisers to secure money for their class and activities like Prom.

As they do every year, juniors completed the ASVAB tests. Some

juniors and sophomores also tested for the PSAT. The SAT was also available to the juniors during the year.

The class' major project was sponsoring the Prom on April 30. The formal event was held at the Croation Center in Crown Point. Prom fund raisers held during the year included candy bars, gift wrapping paper, and food catalog orders and can collections.

Richard Baron, junior, practices for Spell Bowl after school in Mrs. Kathy Hooks' classroom. The Spell Bowl team had a good year, placing second in regional competition at Portage High School.



Stephen Alexander
David Ard
Paul Arnold
William Baldauf
Richard Baron
Melissa Bodlovich
Daniel Bojorquez



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Malinda Burge
Mailssa Burge
Callena Burns
Frank Caporale
Eddie Cartagena
Jesse Catlin



Rebecca Chirch
Amber Cicillian
Jennifer Clifford
Edward Coates
Andrew Degman
Elicia DelValle
Timothy Dixon





Stephen Evans
Billy Fast
Eliezer Fontanez
Paul Garcia
David Hall
Tabatha Harrison
Melissa Herring

Jonathan Horn
Michael Jimenez
Annie Kearby
Charles Keel
Denise Kennedy
Matthew Kennedy
Alexander Lee

Jesenia Lopez
Michael Lopez
Kyriake Mames
Alex Melford
George Mendez
Tracie Mezera
Veronica Mundo



Junior William Baldauf samples foods made in his sixth hour foods class during their Christmas dinner. Foods like rolls, stuffing and ham were prepared for their dining.



Representing this year's Junior Class at Football Homecoming, Victoria Wallace and Callena Burns receive escorts from juniors Jesse Catlin and Eddie Cartagena. This was Victoria's second year and Callena's first year running for court.



Frank Caporale, junior, takes time out of class to answer questions and donate blood for the Red Cross. The drive was held on December 9 from first to sixth hours.

Uncommon Comments

0%

62 polled

Q Would you pay over \$50.00 for a pair of jeans?

Yes 37% No 60%

Q Have you participated in a sport at R F?

Yes 64% No 35%

Q Are you currently employed?

Yes 45% No 55%

Striving Everyday to Succeed

Junior **Angelique Wilson** helps classmates make tamales during her seventh hour Spanish class. This year the class also made enchiladas.



Juniors **Jessica Sutton** and **Eliezer Fontanez** work to improve the junior hallway for Football Homecoming. The Juniors took second place in the Homecoming hall decorating contest.



Andrea Neyhart
Eric Osha
Sonny Osteen
Brooke Ostrander
David Otero
Amy Parnell
Rebecca Phillippe



Annette Piesyk
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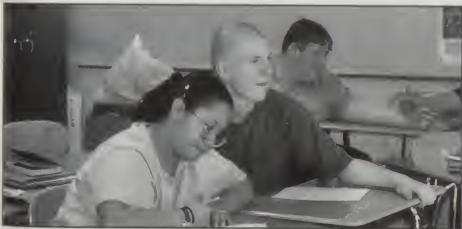
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Jonathan Soto
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Brandon Szany
Adriana Tellez
Harold Therault

Theodore Tuzinski
Joshua Vandevender
Leticia Verduzco
Andrea Viera
Victoria Wallace
Melissa Whitmore
Angelique Wilson



Leticia Verduzco, junior, makes a decoration for the junior hall for Football Homecoming. She constructed Chinese menus using the names of the members of the opposing team.

Junior Stephen Alexander inserts the magnet into the Infrared Spectrophotometer for this seventh hour chemistry class. The class worked on a lab to detect ions. They used different types of plastics for the experiments.



Kevin Shinkle and Veronica Mundo, juniors, complete an assignment in Spanish I during sixth hour. The lesson is contained in the "Primer Paso" section of the book *Ven Conmigo*.



At Multicultural Awards Day, Mr. Richard Heavilin, junior high principal, shakes hands with seventh grader Jody Soliday. Jody won first place for the poster she designed in her art class.

River Forest Community School Board: *front row:* Mr. Robert Marszalek, acting superintendent; Mrs. Michelle Martin, secretary; *back row:* Mr. Leonard Gaskins, member; Mr. Harry Pedroza, member; Mr. Richard Arnold, president; and Mr. Marshall Gilliana, vice president.



Mr. Monte Moffett
High School
Principal



Mrs. Deb Kadish
High School
Assistant Principal



Mr. Richard Heavilin
Junior High
Principal



Mr. Robert Marszalek, acting superintendent, and Mr. Kirk Whiting, faculty member, discuss the performance of the Jazz Band at Jazz Fest XXI.

Mr. **Monte Moffett**, high school principal, stands before the school during the Veterans' Day assembly and delivers a speech. Special guests at the ceremony were the veterans from the American Legion Post #100.



What a change!

What's changed, you ask? The administration were almost all serving in new positions. New positions included Mr. **Monte Moffett**, high school principal; Mrs. **Deb Kadish**, assistant principal; and Mr. **Pete Huse** athletic director. Also standing in as

superintendent for the year was Mr. **Robert Marzalek**.

A new administration brought new ways of dealing with situations. For example, the attendance policy changed, allowing only nine days and no wavers. Students who missed no days were rewarded by

being excused from taking final examinations.

Following the tragedy in Littleton, Colorado, RF administrators became more vigorous in enforcing handbook rules. New rules suggested by students included the prohibition of bookbags or purses in class.



During the Football Homecoming assembly, Mr. **Pete Huse**, athletic director, and Mr. **Kirk Whiting** address students. Mr. Huse became athletic director in the fall.

To the New or for the Future!

New faces were added to the faculty during the year. In the high school new additions included Mr. Tim Gault, Mr. Sherwood Haydock Miss Amy Alessandrini and Miss Nancy Austin. In the junior

high new teachers were Mr. Paul Vance, Mr. Phil Long, Mr. Michael Lyons and Mrs. Patti Jennings. Miss Pamela Garrison was hired second semester as the remediation mathematics teacher. She provided needed remediation for

the mathematics portion of the I-STEP+ test. The remediation course was added to help students to develop a better grasp of certain concepts.

Some of the teachers traveled to

Indianapolis for a meeting to discuss instituting block scheduling for the school system. Their visit at Westfield High School was to consider tri-semester block scheduling for RF in the future.

Miss Maria Aguilar: Paraprofessional.
Mrs. Amy Alessandrini: Special Education and Life Skills.
Ms. Maxine Badger: Bus Driver #3.
Mrs. Tina Baker: Bus Driver #5.
Mrs. Mary Ann Barkalow: Math 7, 8; Pre-Algebra 8; Algebra 1 8; and Junior High Honor Society Sponsor.

Miss Francie Blaney: Language Arts 9, 10; Yearbook: Yearbook Adviser; and Quill and Scroll Sponsor.
Mrs. Mickie Bowersock: Bus Aide #15.
Mrs. Donna Briggs: Health 7, 8; Physical Education 9; Varsity Volleyball Coach; Junior High Girls Track Coach; and Junior High Impact Team.
Mrs. Joanne Casteel: LRE Facilitator; Practical English; Practical Math; English 9, 11; Intro Algebra; and Homebound Tutoring.
Mrs. Barbara Cavalier: Bus Driver #12.

Mrs. Diane Chary: Language Arts 7; Reading; and Junior High Student Council Co-sponsor.
Mr. Rick Cheek: Beginning Band; Intermediate Band; Concert Band; Marching Band; Pep Band; Jazz Band; Assistant Band Director; and Bus Supervisor.
Mrs. Karen Chontos: High School Guidance Secretary.
Mrs. Irma Cuevas: Spanish I, II, III, IV; Native Speakers; and Spanish Club Sponsor.
Mrs. Penny Gilarski: Bus Driver #7.

Mrs. Candy Goad: Bus Driver #8.
Mrs. Doris Guined: Junior High Guidance Secretary.
Mrs. Jo Ann Herbst: Bus Driver #9.
Mrs. Peg Hunt: Library Media Specialist; Co-chairperson for Multicultural Week; and Media Department Chairperson for Kindergarten to 12.
Mrs. Deborah Hutman: Bus Driver #1.

Mrs. Patti Jennings: English 8 and Junior High Cheer Coach.
Ms. Natalie Keller: Language Arts 9, 11; and Speech.
Mrs. Gloria Komosa: High School Art; Junior High Quest Teacher; and Art Fair Supervisor.
Mr. Michael Lyons: Science 8; Junior Varsity Volleyball Coach; and Junior High Girls Track Assistant Coach.
Mr. Phil Long: Science 7 and Varsity Girls Basketball Assistant Coach.



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Mrs. Angie Martinez: Office Aide.
Mrs. Maritza Medina: Bilingual and BESO Sponsor.
Mrs. Sandra Mihalik: Language Arts 10, 11, and 12;
and Language Arts Department Chairperson.
Ms. Carol Needham: Library Assistant.
Mrs. Joan Palmer: Bus Driver #15.



Mr. Paul Payne: Severe Disabilities.
Mr. Donald Phelps: Custodian.
Mr. Robert Rajsic: Woods I, II, III, IV; Manufacturing 8; and Industrial Education Department Chairperson.
Mrs. Linda Ralph: Bus Driver #11.
Mrs. Miriam Rodriguez: Paraprofessional.



Mrs. Delia Rosado: Paraprofessional and Bilingual Assistant.
Mrs. Lenore Senovic: Painter and Custodian.
Mrs. Betsy Shadley: Junior High and High School Treasurer.
Mrs. Pat Sisk: Beginning Foods; Advanced Foods; Specialty Foods; Home Economics 7; and Home Economics Department Chairperson.
Mrs. Linda Slanina: English 7, 8; Practical Math 8; Science 7, 8; Practical History 8; Resource; and Junior High Impact Team.



Mr. Weldon Slater: Marching Band; Wind Ensemble; Intermediate Band; Band Director; Fine Arts Department Chairperson; and Bus Supervisor.
Miss Diane Smith: Choir; Junior High Choir; General Music; and Fall Theater Director.
Mrs. Melina Sutherland: Confidential Secretary and Junior High Girls Basketball Coach.
Mrs. Tanna Taylor: Library Assistant.
Mr. Rodney Thompson: Social Studies 7,8; Junior High Football Coach; and Junior High Boys Basketball Coach.



Ms. Pauline Ward: Junior High Attendance Secretary.
Miss Danyelle Ware: French I, II, III IV, V; Newspaper; Newspaper Adviser; Freshman Class Sponsor; and French Club Sponsor.
Mr. Jim Weitzel: LRE Facilitator; Sophomore Class Sponsor; Academics Assistant Coach; Academic Super Bowl Assistant Coach; Junior High Cross Country Coach; Boys Track Assistant Coach; and Wrestling Assistant Coach.
Mrs. Sally Weitzel: Mild Disabilities; Junior High Academic Coach; Junior High Student Council Cosponsor.
Mr. Jim Wells: Biological Science; Biology I; and Environmental Science.



During the Christmas Assembly in December, teachers gather together to sing *White Christmas* while the Band plays. The sing-along is a tradition at RF.

Adding Comments



When is your favorite
place to shop and
why?

"Old Navy, it's not in the mall and
I like their clothes," explained
Amanda Harris.



When is your favorite
place to shop and why?

"The Mall is my favorite because
it has a variety of stores to
choose from," indicated Robert
Saylor.



When is your favorite
place to shop and
why?

"The Village Square is the
only store that carries the
items," commented Rachel
Sauer.

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Adding Comments



What is your favorite sport and why?
"Baseball because it's fun to play," indicated Tony Knies.



What is your favorite sport and why?
"I like cross country because I like running long distance," said Dustin Coleman.



What is your favorite sport and why?
"Even though most people don't consider cheerleading a sport, it's still my favorite," asserted Christina Burns.

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Adding Comments



What is your favorite candy bar and why?
"I love Milky Way because it's just good," indicated Kevin Shinkle.



What is your favorite candy bar and why?
"I like Snickers because it's very sweet," said Brooke Ostrander.



What is your favorite candy bar and why?
"I like Snickers too but I like them because they're chocolaty," stated Jody Soliday.

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Adding Comments



What is your favorite movie and why?

"My favorite movie was *Can't Hardly Wait* because it was about teens that just graduated. It was funny," described Annette Sanchez.



What is your favorite movie and why?

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What is your favorite movie and why?

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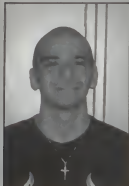
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Adding Comments



What is your favorite place to eat and why?
"Hooters has great food and much more," said Alex Cameros.



What is your favorite place to eat and why?
"I like to eat at Burger King and checkout the employees," indicated Heather Rosoyon.



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Adding Comments



What is your favorite soft drink and why?
"I like to drink Pepsi because it tastes good," explained Sal Morita.



What is your favorite soft drink and why?
"I love Mountain Dew just because it's good," indicated Melody Myers.



What is your favorite soft drink and why?
"I'm just addicted to Pepsi," admitted Alex Lee.



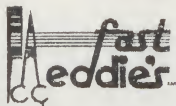
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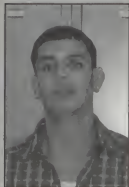
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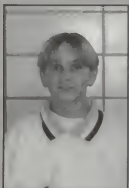
- *Francisco Hernandez
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- *Alex Cisneros
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- *Rafael Price
- *Troy Mezera
- *Francisco Cuevas
- *Dustin Coleman

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Adding Comments



Who is your favorite
Pro Athlete and why?
"I like Kobe Bryant because
he's the next Michael Jordan,"
indicated Manuel Martinez.



Who is your favorite
Pro Athlete and why?
"Sammy Sosa is my favorite
pro athlete because he broke
the homerun record," stated
John Clark.



Who is your favorite
Pro Athlete and why?
"Even though Michael Jordan
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- *Lolita Christopher
- *Becky Cisneros
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Adding Comments



What was your favorite toy as a child and why?

"My favorite toy was my remote control truck because it was cool to play with and I never got bored," reflected Annie Kearby.



What was your favorite toy as a child and why?

"I liked playing with My Little Ponies because they had pretty hair," indicated Tora Kennedy.



What was your favorite toy as a child and why?

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What is your favorite website and why?
"I like visiting Espin.com because it's about sports," said Francisco Cuevas.



What is your favorite website and why?
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Reygart's class.

*I had to study for
a test in Mrs.
Mihalik's class.

*I spilled pop on
my paper, and it
didn't dry in
time.

*I copied down the
wrong assign-
ment.

*I was too busy
thinking of
Shane Coleman.

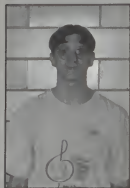
*It's at my other
house.

*It's spring break,
man!

*I just didn't feel
like it.

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Adding Comments



What is your favorite gum and why?
"I love Bubble Yum because it doesn't lose its flavor as fast," recommended Harry Marcus.



What is your favorite gum and why?
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*Cheerleaders
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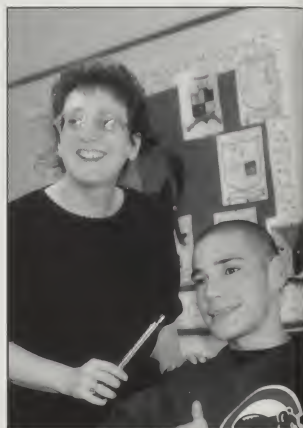
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